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M I N U T E S
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui
Council Chamber, 8th Floor
April 3, 2007

APPROVED:


Committee Chair



1 **CONVENE:** **9:10 a.m.**

2 **PRESENT:** Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
3 Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
 (in 9:11 a.m.; out 3:33 p.m.)
4 Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member
 (in 9:15; out 4:30 p.m.)
5 Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
6 Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member
 Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Member
7 Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
 (out 4:03)
 Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

8 **EXCUSED:** Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

9 **STAFF:** Lance Taguchi, Legislative Analyst
10 Gayle Revels, Legislative Analyst
 (Budget Session only)
11 Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
 Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

12 Leinaala Kihm, Executive Assistant to
 Councilmember Medeiros

13 **ADMIN.:** Fred Pablo, Budget Director, Office of the
14 Mayor
 Franklyn L. Silva, Director, Department of
15 Liquor Control
 Georgette Tyau, Senior Licensing Investigator,
16 Department of Liquor Control
 Tamara Horcajo, Director, Department of Parks
17 and Recreation
 Zachary Helm, Deputy Director, Department of
18 Parks and Recreation
 Bob Straub, Special Events Coordinator,
19 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Marian Feenstra, Chief, Aquatics Division,
20 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Francis Miyazono, Maintenance Superintendent,
21 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Pat Rocco
22 Brian T. Moto, Corporation Counsel, Department
 of the Corporation Counsel

23 **OTHERS:** **Item 1:** Alan Akana
24 Tamara Paltin
 Others (6)

25 **PRESS:** Claudine San Nicolas, The Maui News

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2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)...Good morning, Members. The
3 Budget and Finance Committee meeting for April the 3rd,
4 2007, the time is 9:10, is now in session.

5 The Chair would like to introduce the Members
6 that are here this morning, Member Baisa, Member
7 Johnson, Member Medeiros, Member Molina, Member
8 Victorino.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Morning, Chair.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Morning. Excused are Members Mateo,
11 Anderson, and our Council Chair, Mr. Hokama.

12 Members, thank you for being here this
13 morning. I know we had a hard night again last
14 night. We have a few more nights to go, and -- and
15 it's going to be day meetings going forward probably
16 later next week.

17 Representing the Administration this morning,
18 we do have Brian Moto, our Corporation Counsel;
19 Tamara Horcajo, our Parks Director; and our Budget
20 Director, Mr. Frederick Pablo.

21 Supporting the Committee are our Council
22 Staff, Lance Taguchi, as well as Gayle Revels,
23 Legislative Analyst; and our Secretary, Yvette
24 Bouthillier.

25 Members, we do have one -- several testifiers

1 this morning; but before I call them, if everyone in
2 this chambers could put their cell phones or pagers
3 to the silent mode or if you don't have silent mode,
4 to turn it off. The Chair will appreciate that.

5 For those that are testifying, you have three
6 minutes to testify with one minute to conclude. If
7 you can state your name and the organization that
8 you represent when -- when you come forward to
9 lectern.

10 So at this time, the Chair would like to call
11 the first testifier that signed up this morning,
12 Alan Akana.

13 . . . **BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY.** . . .

14 MR. AKANA: Good morning, my name's Alan Akana. I'm an
15 Ocean Safety Officer for the County of Maui for
16 ten-and-a-half years, and I'm here to speak today
17 about the open space.

18 We had 1 percent for open space back in 2002,
19 and, you know, I'd like to raise that up to 3
20 percent to -- to purchase some land at the Honolua,
21 Lipoa Point. They're trying to develop a golf
22 course over there.

23 And, you know, our tax revenues have been --
24 gone up since 2002, and the -- the open space has
25 been diminishing by faster than ever in the history

1 of Maui County. I mean, the open space on West Maui
2 right now is almost going to be gone, past this --
3 past Kapalua is all the open space we got left.

4 And you -- you drive past on Honoapiilani
5 Highway past North Beach, and you can't -- all you
6 see is the big, giant concrete thing. I don't know
7 what it is. It's a building but, you know, you
8 can't even see the ocean. And I'd like to ask the
9 County, the Council, to raise the -- the open space
10 tax to 3 percent, and -- just to buy that thing.

11 Also, I'd like to talk about lifeguard
12 services at Launiupoko Beach Park on the West side.
13 I don't know if you guys have been there much, but
14 it's -- it's the most packed beach we -- Monday
15 through Friday, Saturday and Sunday especially, and
16 there's no lifeguard services there.

17 And people get hurt there every day, and the
18 closest lifeguard tower is Hanakoo Beach, and
19 that's, what, 5, 6 miles away and, you know, we have
20 a jet ski to respond there.

21 And a jet ski to respond there, to go inside
22 the beach, it's really hard because there's --
23 there's reef there, and it's really shallow reef.
24 And even to have a jet ski there, we'd have to look
25 at that, but we at least need lifeguards there.

1 I've been a lifeguard for ten-and-a-half
2 years, like I said, and that's been the busiest
3 beach. The last five years, that beach has just
4 took off. I don't -- maybe since Launiupoko,
5 whatever, the light, but -- the parking lot, you
6 know, that helped, but we need lifeguards there bad.

7 I mean, it's -- we needed lifeguards there
8 last year. It's really bad. We need lifeguards
9 there so I'd like to ask the Council to take that in
10 consideration.

11 Also, the Lower Road in -- on the West side of
12 Maui, I've been on the island living in West Maui
13 for 17 years now, and they finally fixed the Lower
14 Road in I think it was December or November, and
15 they only did halfway.

16 I mean, it stops at Napili -- right past
17 Napilihau Road coming south, it stops at that new
18 subdivision they built, the Kili Nahe, and then it
19 ends, and it starts up again just past the Alulis'
20 house where you can see the beach from the -- from
21 the Lower Road, that open space by the Robinsons'
22 property right there.

23 Well, they stopped and then one part, they did
24 the north-facing lane, north-bound lane, and they
25 didn't do the other side. And I don't know why they

1 stopped. They did a great job from -- from the
2 Kahana Gateway to that point, but it's -- it's not
3 finished, and I don't -- you know. I don't know why
4 that's -- maybe because of the budget or the money
5 they had, but it hasn't been finished.

6 And in fact, I know Mr. Aluli, and they had
7 extra, the last day, for -- extra asphalt or
8 whatever, so they put it on the -- right in front of
9 his house where that -- there's a little lookout, a
10 dirt lookout where a lot of people go there, and
11 they park there to fish and go to the beach there,
12 and --

13 MS. REVELS: Three minutes.

14 MR. AKANA: The lady at the -- at the -- the next-door
15 neighbor got mad at them, and they had to dig it up,
16 and I don't know why they didn't finish it or -- I
17 don't know who she is, if she's a -- you know,
18 whatever, County official, but they -- they -- they
19 took it out of that little parking spot, which --
20 because that parking spot, the -- the dirt and
21 everything, you know, goes down all the time, people
22 go and park when it gets muddy and stuff, so we just
23 need to fix that road all the way.

24 I mean, they did a good job up to that point
25 but then they didn't finish it, and it's kind of --

1 it's kind of working backwards, you know. There's
2 only less than a quarter mile to go to finish it,
3 about a quarter mile, so I'd just like to thank you
4 for listening to me today, and I appreciate it.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Akana. Members, any
6 questions for the testifier? Member Johnson?

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, thanks so much, Alan. Do you
8 know about how much it would cost for the tower, the
9 full complement of lifeguards, and then a jet ski?

10 MR. AKANA: I'm not sure, but Mrs. Horcajo, she -- she'd
11 better -- answer that better than me. But as far as
12 the jet ski goes there, my personal self, I think --
13 I've been a jet ski, me and Archie's been the
14 longest in the County, jet ski operators.

15 There's not a feasible place to -- to launch
16 that jet ski at Launiupoko, you know, but we -- I
17 know we'd at least need five tower guards to -- to
18 man the tower. At least five. Minimum five.
19 That's without the ski even, you know.

20 But the prices, I don't know. I'm not sure.
21 Mrs. Horcajo could probably help you more than that,
22 but the skis wouldn't work there. It just -- just
23 from my opinion because the -- the -- there's no
24 place to launch the place, to launch the ski over
25 there except that little beach and then right in

1 front of the beach, it goes really shallow. The --
2 the reef's right there. It's right offshore, right
3 offshore.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So -- so they would have to
5 probably come in and bring it from the ocean side --

6 MR. AKANA: Yes, yes.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- than from your other location?

8 MR. AKANA: Yes, the jet ski.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

10 MR. AKANA: But if you have a tower there, that place is
11 where it's easy enough to where there's channels
12 right in front the -- the break wall that goes out,
13 that little -- the -- the shape that -- for the
14 keiki pool, and they could go right out there with a
15 rescue board. A lot easier than a jet ski.

16 You have to launch a jet ski, da, da, da, da,
17 you can go out there and -- you know, it takes a --
18 big process of doing that and plus, you'd have to
19 get the storage facilities for the jet ski and then
20 the tower, you just need a tower itself, you know...

21 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, great.

22 MR. AKANA: To put the supplies inside of it.

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And just a point of
24 information on the Lower Road. The Council had put
25 in \$1 million last year just to do an interim road

1 resurfacing. That covered the worst part of the
2 road; but according to Public Works, they are
3 supposedly going to be doing that area near the
4 Alulis. So I did find that out, so...

5 MR. AKANA: Oh.

6 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: We had the question, and I guess
7 they'll be back.

8 MR. AKANA: Thank you.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
11 Molina?

12 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Good
13 morning, Mr. Akana. Thank you for being here. From
14 your own personal observations over at Launiupoko
15 Park, the people that need assistance from the
16 lifeguards, is the majority of them are -- are
17 tourists, or is it...

18 MR. AKANA: It's about the same. It's locals and tourists.
19 That place is pretty much fifty-fifty.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. AKANA: Say during the week, it's mostly locals.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

23 MR. AKANA: A lot of surfers, and it's like an easier place
24 to surf. It's a good place for beginners to surf
25 because it's a sloping wave. It's not a wave that

1 goes boom because the reef goes like that all the
2 way, so a lot of people -- a lot of beginner surfers
3 go there from local people. And on the weekend, the
4 place is just packed from --

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. AKANA: -- everybody, and -- during the week, too,
7 there's a lot of tourists go there because the
8 parking now. When you made that parking lot across
9 the street?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

11 MR. AKANA: They come by the dozens now. And just because
12 of that -- that -- that fact, that's -- now it's
13 just super busy. And every time I've been there,
14 like I've did junior lifeguard, I do junior
15 lifeguard in the summertime.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. AKANA: Every time I've been there with junior
18 lifeguard kids or whatever, we've always helped
19 somebody with First Aid every time.

20 I mean, been there for a little -- the
21 intermediate school I go there to, you know, water
22 safety the -- the end-of-the-year thing, and I've
23 always helped at least one person, First Aid, that
24 place because it's coral. It's all -- you know.

25 It happens -- every time I've been there, I've

1 helped somebody. That's what we were just
2 discussing the other day, me and my partner that did
3 the junior lifeguard with me. Every single time
4 we've done -- we had a First Aid kit there, and
5 we've used it.

6 But it's kind of good for us because we show
7 the junior lifeguards, you know, the hand-on
8 experience and stuff like that, so...

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

10 MR. AKANA: But we definitely -- definitely need because
11 the pools are a controlled environment. The beaches
12 aren't. I'm not saying we need -- we need pools,
13 too, because we get a lot of use of the pools, I
14 mean, but the -- the beach is an uncontrolled
15 environment, you know? Pool's a controlled
16 environment.

17 You -- you can't control the beach and, I
18 mean, I don't care if it's north wind, freezing
19 cold, water dirty, people from Kansas are going to
20 go in the water, period. They don't care. They
21 love it. It's great for them, you know what I'm --
22 you understand?

23 Like Launiupoko is the same way. It could be
24 dirty and oh, people are still there. What are you
25 doing? There's better places than this, but they

1 just come, and it's -- you -- people come to that
2 beach no matter what every day. I mean, I see it.
3 They come to that beach.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

5 MR. AKANA: And it -- like I said, it could be south winds
6 blowing 30 miles per hour. They're going to be
7 there.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

9 MR. AKANA: Because they just love it, you know?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Akana.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Thank you,
12 Mr. Chair.

13 MR. AKANA: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: (Inaudible) question. Member Hokama,
15 followed by Member Victorino.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Akana, we saw you in West Maui's
17 hearing so we appreciate your comments once more.
18 And I think I recall you -- you're -- you're, you
19 know, like most of us, you pay taxes.

20 So with your first request, if you had your
21 preference, you would rather pay 4 more --
22 \$4 million more in taxes, or you rather have us cut
23 \$4 million worth of programs to take care this
24 2 percent?

25 MR. AKANA: Well, Mr. Hokama, what I was saying earlier is

1 that okay, it started in 2002 at 1 percent, okay,
2 and our tax revenues has doubled since then, 2006
3 now, but our open space has diminished so, I mean --
4 you know, I'm not a mathematician or anything like
5 that, but it's kind of easy to see that hey, where's
6 all this other money going to?

7 Like I said last week, we have Golf Fund. The
8 Golf Fund's \$2 million. I don't golf, you know?
9 I'd love to golf, but it's expensive, you know, and
10 I -- and I work two jobs -- I work three jobs --

11 COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And the Golf Fund pays for itself.

12 MR. AKANA: Okay. Well, like I said, I'm not a
13 mathematician. This is the first time I've ever
14 done this kind of speaking and everything like that,
15 you know, but -- so and I'm not a wizard at this,
16 but it seems to me like you can do something to give
17 them for this land because like I said, the tax
18 revenue has doubled.

19 And since 2002, it's 1 percent. It was just 2
20 more percent. I mean, like I -- I'm not a
21 mathematician, but something needs to be done to
22 stop the development, period, because, you know,
23 like I told you last week, my son, my youngest son,
24 he wants to move -- he already wants to -- he's
25 14 years old.

1 He's a freshman in high school. He already
2 thinks he needs to move away to the mainland for
3 opportunity for the field he's going to take, his
4 career he wants to -- he wants to go after this
5 career.

6 So, I mean, you know, there's got to be start
7 somewhere, and this is why I'm here for the first
8 time because I -- I've never -- I've -- I started
9 voting about five years ago, okay, and this thing
10 came up to me, and it's -- it's like -- it's like a
11 cancer, man.

12 We got to stop this cancer sometime, okay,
13 because all I see is these dark neighborhoods out
14 there. What I mean by dark neighborhoods, nobody's
15 there, and it makes my property tax go up because of
16 what -- the value of their house.

17 I live in Napilihau where it's all people who
18 work and live here mostly, okay? There's a few
19 people that moved in here that are retirees and
20 whatever, but those houses up there in Kapalua and
21 all those areas in Kaanapali, there's no one there.

22 You go through there at -- past 6 o'clock,
23 7 o'clock, there's nobody there. You go there
24 before 6 o'clock, there's only construction guys
25 there working and stuff like that, but there's

1 nobody there.

2 You know, these houses are huge. I mean, how
3 much space do you need? This is Maui. Where --
4 once we pour concrete, it's pau, okay? You
5 understand? It's over.

6 VICE CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your response.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Akana.

8 MR. AKANA: Okay.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino?

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Mr. Akana, just a little
11 take on -- different in Honolua. Going back to
12 Launiupoko, would you also say that would -- having
13 a lifeguard there would also be very helpful with
14 Puamana and that stretch along there?

15 Because I notice on any given day when surf's
16 up, it's packed to the gills along the highway and
17 Puamana, but all the time Puamana just like
18 Launiupoko, lots of tourists and lots of locals
19 using it. So would that be an offshoot, could that
20 help...

21 MR. AKANA: Oh, definitely. Definitely. Both ways all --
22 even to Olowalu, you know, Ukumehame, they --
23 they're closer; and like I said, the jet ski would
24 be kind of hard there.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

1 MR. AKANA: You could do it, but it would be a little bit
2 harder. The time from the -- we have all the times
3 from our -- from each beach to each beach, you know,
4 for the jet skis.

5 We've -- we've already done that, like, five,
6 six years ago, so it would help to -- I mean, it'd
7 by far help all those places; but if you want to get
8 that far, we should have a lifeguard tower at
9 Puamana, Launiupoko, Ukumehame, all the way down,
10 which we should have already.

11 I mean, the people that come to the -- the
12 amount of people that use the beaches and stuff,
13 this is the main reason why people come from the
14 mainland.

15 I was born and raised in Southern California.
16 People come to Hawaii not to, you know, sit in their
17 hotels or whatever, the -- the gaudiness of their
18 hotels, the loveliness over there. They spend very
19 little time.

20 They go for the beaches, the weather, the
21 climate. I mean, that's the bottom line, and we
22 really need beaches -- we should have lifeguard
23 towers from Kaanapali all the way every -- we should
24 have a lifeguard tower, in reality, every 500 yards
25 on Kaanapali Beach.

1 It's the most second dangerous beach in the
2 State, okay? And it -- just -- it goes in
3 transient. Of course if the surf pick up, it could
4 be the most dangerous beach in the -- in the -- in
5 the State, you know, because most people use that
6 beach -- in the whole Maui, Kaanapali is used by
7 more than any beach by far bar none, you know, and
8 we don't even have lifeguards there.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Mr. Akana, thank you for
10 your passion. You know, your concerns for the
11 safety of -- of the -- of the people, our visitors,
12 as well as the locals, is very admirable, and the --
13 the challenge we face is getting enough funding for
14 doing all of these things that you've just asked.

15 And like in Kaanapali Beach, they've always
16 depended on the hotel security because I've worked
17 there for the past 20 years, and we've been the ones
18 that been the first responders.

19 We've been the ones that went out there in the
20 water and pulled people out so I understand your
21 dilemma. I -- I just know that we all got to keep
22 working together on this kind of situation. Thank
23 you for bringing it to our awareness.

24 MR. AKANA: Thank you.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member
2 Anderson?

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for
4 coming. Do you think that Makena State Park should
5 have lifeguards?

6 MR. AKANA: Yes, they should.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Because you're talking about --

8 MR. AKANA: Yes.

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: -- dangerous beaches.

10 MR. AKANA: Yes, it's by far. All the beaches, I think, in
11 Maui County. If you go to Oahu, there's -- there's
12 lifeguards at every beach. Every, you know, usable
13 beach that's usable, I mean, you have people that
14 have excess and everything, there's lifeguards at
15 every beach.

16 I come from California. There's a lifeguard
17 tower every 200 yards in New Port Beach where I'm
18 from, okay. Every 200 yards, you know. And in the
19 wintertime, they just have the -- on the weekends,
20 they bring 'em in, you know, what do you call 'em,
21 part-timers.

22 And, I mean, Maui, this is the -- this is the
23 number one island in the -- in the -- in the
24 whole -- whole world for the last 15 years. Maybe
25 just last year it wasn't because I don't know,

1 people are getting -- the development, but it's the
2 number one island in the world.

3 I mean, we got how many lifeguards, we got
4 beach guards, probably 40, you know, and we're
5 the -- we're the second biggest island in the chain
6 of -- of -- of Hawaiian islands, one of the most
7 dangerous waters in the -- in the world.

8 We got the -- we're the -- we're the isolated
9 islands in the whole world on planet earth, we got
10 the dangerous -- most dangerous waters. The most
11 dangerous -- the most roughest channel in the
12 Pacific is...

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Akana, I think you answered the
14 question regarding Makena Beach Park.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. What -- what -- in your
16 experience, what percentage of the people using the
17 beach parks are visitors, as opposed to residents,
18 just kind of a general...

19 MR. AKANA: Geez. Well, I can speak for the beach that I
20 work at mostly, D.T. Fleming. It's fifty-fifty.
21 It's fifty-fifty. And D.T. Fleming is packed ever
22 since last year 2006, Mr. Beach, the best beach in
23 America, it's been -- you know, it's -- it's crazy,
24 and...

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So do you think the tourism

1 industry should kick in some funds to get more
2 lifeguards?

3 MR. AKANA: Definitely, definitely, because Makena, I'm --
4 the time I've been to Makena, it's probably
5 fifty-fifty, but maybe sixty-forty tourists and then
6 locals.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

8 MR. AKANA: That's pretty close.

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members,
11 any more questions for the testifier? If not, thank
12 you very much, Mr. Akana.

13 MR. AKANA: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And the Chair would like to recognize
15 Member Anderson this morning, as well as our Deputy
16 Parks Director, Mr. Helm. The second testifier is
17 Tamara Paltin. Tamara? Go ahead.

18 MS. PALTIN: Aloha, Budget Committee Chairperson Pontanilla
19 and Committee Members. Thank you for hearing my
20 testimony. My name is Tamara Paltin, and I'm just
21 here as a concerned voter.

22 I totally agree with Mr. Akana. In 2002, the
23 Open Space Fund opened with 1 percent of the
24 revenue, of tax revenue; and since then, the tax
25 revenue has increased, but the percentage put into

1 this fund has not, even though we're losing open
2 spaces faster than ever.

3 One percent is roughly about 2 million, and
4 nowadays you can't buy any significant amount of
5 open space for \$2 million. By raising the percent
6 to 3 percent, it is more realistic that we'll be
7 able to preserve open space by combining funds with
8 other organizations.

9 Maui has many historical, cultural, and
10 traditional significant places being threatened by
11 development, and we need to set aside our surplus of
12 revenue to save our open spaces for future
13 generations to enjoy.

14 I've reviewed the proposed budget for the
15 Fiscal Year 2008, and I was shocked that despite a
16 15 percent increase in funds and repeated requests,
17 there's still no budget for a lifeguard tower at
18 Launiupoko.

19 This park is always packed, it is in a
20 semi-remote area, and people have drowned there. It
21 is irresponsible of the County to not provide
22 lifeguard services here.

23 The nearest medic station is north of Lahaina
24 Town, and park security officers are not trained to
25 make rescues. This is a matter of public safety and

1 should be given the highest priority, priority over
2 additional park caretakers, recreational support
3 staff, and park security officers.

4 How can you justify spending taxpayers' moneys
5 for pool managers and additional hours for pool
6 staff when the long, overdue need for a lifeguard at
7 Launiupoko has yet to be addressed? Pools can be
8 closed to keep the public safe, while beaches
9 cannot.

10 The West District brings in more revenue than
11 most other districts; but of the districts with
12 lifeguard services, we have the least number of
13 guarded beaches. There are only two in the West
14 District, while the North and South Districts have
15 three.

16 By adding a lifeguard tower into the Fiscal
17 Year 2008 budget, you will be able to show the
18 people of Maui and our visitors that it is truly our
19 Countywide goal to protect the health and safety of
20 all those who live in and visit our islands.

21 The addition of a lifeguard tower will be a
22 great informational resource to all those who visit
23 the park, not to mention the benefit of an on-scene
24 certified first responder with the necessary
25 life-saving equipment.

1 By having a jet ski unit stationed at
2 Launiupoko, it would greatly reduce response time to
3 the outskirts of the West District, thus improving
4 ocean-related emergency services to the Olowalu,
5 Ukumehame area.

6 A lifeguard at Launiupoko would help us meet
7 our goal of strengthening and building communities
8 that include beautiful parks and recreation
9 facilities that are safer for us all.

10 For the good of our community, please put a
11 lifeguard tower at Launiupoko before it's too late
12 for another victim.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Tamara. Members, any
14 questions for the testifier? Member Baisa?

15 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good morning, and thank you for
16 coming in. I certainly thank Mr. Akana, too. It's
17 nice to see our citizens getting really involved in
18 the process, and I'm very glad you folks are here
19 because you give us things to think about.

20 I just want to tell you that I'm really
21 concerned about the things that you're talking about
22 and the safety of our beachgoers because many of
23 them happen to be our own people, our own kids and
24 grand kids and, you know, maybe one of us some day,
25 who knows, that will get into trouble, and we hope

1 you're there.

2 But we have a problem. We've been listening
3 to the departments as they come in, and one of the
4 things that was pointed out to us is that we have a
5 serious shortage of lifeguards, and I'm hoping that
6 maybe we could work together to interest some of our
7 young folks who are good swimmers in applying for
8 these positions.

9 I know that the County is very anxious for
10 people to apply, so maybe you could help us in that
11 way because until we can fill the positions we have,
12 it's going to be really tough to ask for more. So I
13 just wanted to tell you that and ask for your kokua.

14 MS. PALTIN: I -- I have done the Junior Lifeguard Program
15 in the past, and I am a certified lifeguard
16 instructor. We do teach one class a year, but it
17 would be great if our Department would let us go to
18 the different schools and do a class there.

19 I would love to do one and just certify the
20 kids because lots of them would love to work at the
21 beach, but they just don't know how.

22 And although we tell them in the Junior
23 Lifeguard, that's kind of a younger age, usually. I
24 mean, we don't retain the guys when they come up
25 through high school when they're actually looking

1 for a job; and, I mean, reality, the job of a
2 lifeguard is not that difficult.

3 I mean, it -- you just got to work for it.
4 It's the same like any other thing, but I would love
5 to go to Lahainaluna High School and teach a class.
6 I mean, just tell me, and I'll go.

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Terrific. Well, we have the Director
8 of Parks and Recreation with us today, as well as
9 her Deputy, and maybe they both can work with you
10 folks on that angle. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Members, any
12 more questions for the testifier? Member Johnson?

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks very much, and thanks for
14 what you do also. The question that was asked by
15 Council Chair Hokama of Mr. Akana, I'm going to put
16 it a little bit differently to you.

17 If you had a choice, let's say, of paying a
18 little bit more from your pocket, would you think
19 that the open space and the preservation of some of
20 these areas are really important if you were asked
21 to take that money out of your own pocket and put it
22 into those areas in the Open Space Fund?

23 MS. PALTIN: Definitely. I don't think the resources that
24 were being used is just for us to profit in our own
25 lifetimes. We got to preserve it for the future

1 generations; otherwise, you're going to have Oahu
2 over here. No -- no open spaces, high crime, high
3 homeless rates, people can't afford houses.

4 I mean, it's not a mystery what's going to
5 happen if -- if you continue to develop at this
6 rate. It's exactly what happened on Oahu, and I'm
7 from the Big Island originally.

8 We're trying to stop the development over
9 there also, and I think it's really important if you
10 are thinking ahead to the future generations to make
11 the sacrifice in -- in -- whether it's popular or
12 not, you know.

13 People that just move to this State are not
14 aware of how it used to look 20 years ago. If you
15 come here from LA or whatever, it still looks
16 gorgeous; but if you lived here all your life, it
17 looks horrible because it's out-of-control
18 development. It's not with the thought of the big
19 picture in mind. It's -- it's just for people to
20 profit on.

21 They look at all this open space -- guys come
22 to the beach and they look at Molokai, and they say
23 how come there's not all buildings over there? And
24 I'm like because they don't want buildings over
25 there.

1 It's -- it's not -- it's not like you look at
2 the -- the place to -- to make a profit so that you
3 can have money and go take it back to wherever you
4 came from. That's not how I was raised.

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I -- and I appreciate that. And I
6 think if I -- what I'm hearing you saying is that to
7 preserve the quality of your life and future
8 generations, you would be willing to put something
9 aside for the future?

10 MS. PALTIN: I think you have to.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you so much.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Members, any
13 more questions for the testifier this morning?

14 Seeing none, thank you very much, Tamara, for being
15 here this morning.

16 MS. PALTIN: Thank you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Are there -- anyone out there that want
18 to provide public testimony at this time? Seeing
19 none, Members, the Chair would like to recommend
20 that we close public testimony if there's no
21 objections?

22 COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much.

24 . . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

25 **ITEM NO. 1: FY 2008 BUDGET (C.C. No. 07-29)**

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, this morning, we do have the
2 Department of Parks and Recreation. Again, joining
3 us is the Director, Tamara Horcajo, as well as the
4 Deputy, Mr. Zach Helm.

5 But before I call upon either of 'em, Budget
6 Chair, do you have any opening statement that you
7 want to do at this time?

8 MR. PABLO: I have no comment.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Members, a handout
10 was passed out to you this morning from the Parks
11 and Recreation Department; and at this time, I would
12 like to call upon the Director to provide us with
13 some comments on her presentation. Thank you.

14 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Budget Chair Pontanilla and
15 Members of the County Council Budget Committee. On
16 behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, we
17 are respectfully submitting our Fiscal Year 2008
18 budget request.

19 We do know that this is a monumental request
20 for our Department. And since January, we have been
21 working to revise this request for your review. We
22 are one of the departments that upon the election of
23 our Mayor Tavares, this Administration has been
24 scrambling.

25 We've received input from all of our staff to

1 present a revised budget to you, and we feel that
2 this budget truly reflects the needs of our
3 Department and also meets the goals set forth for us
4 to maintain safe and satisfying recreational
5 opportunities in Maui County for our residents and
6 our visitors.

7 The safe and satisfying are going to be big
8 deals all the way through this presentation, and I
9 will not, you know, keep reminding us why we're here
10 because I do know that you do know why our Parks
11 Department is here.

12 And I do thank the previous testifiers for
13 coming. That was unbeknownst by our Department that
14 they would be coming, but they do share a different
15 light for us to remember again why our Parks
16 Department is here.

17 This presentation, I will hopefully speak
18 quickly and not misspeak, and this is to give you
19 tools in order to review our budget as we go through
20 the program.

21 If you can turn to the next page, FY '08
22 budget request. This is not just a request for
23 one-year budget. This is a catch-up year for our
24 Parks Department.

25 As you may know, in the past admin -- the past

1 two administrations at least, it's always on that
2 fifth year we hear it's going to be Parks' turn,
3 it's going to be Parks' turn for the budget.

4 We have not had that turn yet. This budget
5 request is asking for your support for our turn in
6 terms of this \$4 million -- almost \$4 million budget
7 request.

8 I'm going to go through this budget and
9 highlight our Department. We have seven programs in
10 our Department. I'm not going to review any of the
11 numbers here. They are on the page for your review
12 at a later time.

13 On page 3, the next page, I'm going to start
14 by overviewing the Department-wide requests that
15 affect each of the seven programs or most of the
16 seven programs.

17 And this first one is for the A account, which
18 is our Salary and Wages account for our staffing,
19 and that is for Premium Pay.

20 The Parks Department is a seven-day-a-week
21 program. When our budget submittals are submitted,
22 we often do not -- are not able to take into account
23 the weekend and overtime work that are required for
24 our staff.

25 Compounding to this is the -- over the years,

1 the union agreements and contracts that have
2 adjusted the pay upwards, and we are sorely lacking
3 in our Premium Pay accounts.

4 If you can see, our major request here is for
5 Aquatics at over \$82,000. In Fiscal Year '06, they
6 spent 120,400-plus dollars on Premium Pay because
7 again, it was not budgeted for their
8 seven-day-a-week operations.

9 In addition to the overuse and additional use
10 of our parks, we have more call outs in emergencies.
11 We have over a million people using our community
12 centers each year. We have a million point five
13 participants using our outdoor courts every year --
14 I'm still on page 3 just talking about Premium Pay
15 -- just because the call outs and the emergencies
16 are escalating, as our park use is also escalating.

17 On the next page. I'm going to try and keep
18 my whole presentation to about a half-hour, so I'm
19 going to be whipping through these.

20 The Council Members will have an opportunity,
21 all of our staff will be here, and we'll go program
22 by program later with our staff, and you'll have an
23 opportunity to review this.

24 In the B account, Department-wide for each of
25 our seven programs in our Department, we have asked

1 additional funding for training. As you probably
2 know, many of the Parks Department staff come in on
3 the labor list with minimal or no qualifications
4 working their way up through our system.

5 We need to give them the skills to provide a
6 professional level of service. Many of our programs
7 within our Department are working on accreditation
8 and operating under standards.

9 For example, the United States Lifeguard
10 Association Standard is what Aquatics is currently
11 operating under. Our Youth Sports Program has now
12 aligned itself with the National Alliance for Youth
13 Sports, and we are trying to meet those standards of
14 operation.

15 Our ground maintenance crews need additional
16 training in turf and irrigation management, as well
17 as our base yards in order to comply with current
18 OSHA standards and training.

19 The next page, 5. Department-wide, we are
20 asking to please help us upgrade our vehicle fleet.
21 This is a large request. We are asking for 18
22 replacement vehicles and expansion of 11 vehicles.

23 If you will see the graph at the bottom, we
24 currently have 127 proposed vehicles in our --
25 vehicles in our fleet.

1 If you look at the vehicles currently of a
2 hundred thousand miles or more, if you add the 18 in
3 FY 0 -- '07, if you add the 18 vehicles plus the 7
4 vehicles that we currently have in our fleet with
5 over 150,000 miles, that's 25 vehicles in our fleet
6 that -- I believe one Councilmember had seen one of
7 our Parks staff wiring the door shut because our --
8 our vehicles are sorely lacking.

9 Our vehicles are also used seven days a week.
10 And in this request in front of you for all these
11 vehicles, if you'll note that the items, the cost
12 items are the same amount for most of our vehicles.
13 We have moved to standardize our purchasing.

14 We need to help Public Works in the ordering
15 of our vehicles, and we have moved in this budget so
16 that each position who is requiring a specific
17 vehicle will be ordering the same type of vehicle.

18 If it's a park caretaker, it's a 3/4 Ton Truck
19 with the lift-a-gate and a tow package. Instead of
20 just ordering one of those, one of a different kind,
21 nine of those, so many of those. So we really do
22 feel that this budget will assist us. We're trying
23 to facilitate a more timely response to our
24 purchasing.

25 Page 6. I'm now going into the requests by

1 program. And as I understand it, Chairman
2 Pontanilla, I am to go through this presentation
3 first and then after, have our individual staff up,
4 or would you like them up?

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes. What you'll do is provide us with
6 an overview of your handout, then we go to the
7 different programs of the Department, taking the A,
8 B, C account separately.

9 MS. HORCAJO: Okay.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And for your information, we're working
11 off the March 15th budget that was presented to us
12 by the Mayor, so go ahead.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you. That is how this handout is
14 organized, but just wanted to clarify. The first
15 program in our Department is Administration, and I
16 am only going to be highlighting the major expansion
17 requests in our budget.

18 This first one is for Park Security Officers.
19 We are requesting six new officers to address and
20 enforce our Maui County Code for our Parks
21 Department.

22 I believe we've discussed this before, and --
23 and we do have our -- our staff here who can answer
24 some questions later.

25 These officers will, if you want to turn the

1 page, we have, on page 8, outlined a proposal of
2 where these additional Park Security Officers will
3 be located.

4 We currently have two on staff, and those two
5 officers currently enforce or work with the ocean --
6 Commercial Ocean Recreation Activities Program
7 mainly in the West and South areas. This program
8 expansion will increase to Central, East, and
9 Molokai areas.

10 We're looking at providing two officers riding
11 together because the time of operation is usually
12 between 2:00 and 10:00 at night or 3:00 and 11:00 at
13 night. We will have officers working during the
14 daylight hours also to keep that enforcement of the
15 commercial activity in control and supported.
16 Again, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions
17 about this program with our staff.

18 The second program that we have the most
19 requests in the budget is Aquatics. And this
20 program has been -- I hate to use the term
21 neglected. I can't think of the right word right
22 now but have -- has not had the support for
23 expanding their program in the last few years that
24 it needs to address the additional park users.

25 I have attached for you the current -- on page

1 10, the current table of organization of our
2 Aquatics Division. If you can see that the -- the
3 pools and the ocean officers are very bottom heavy.
4 We have -- don't have a lot of career and ladder
5 opportunities for our staff to work their way up to
6 provide better service and better morale for
7 themselves.

8 If you'll flip the page to page 11, this
9 program request is proposing a reorganization of the
10 Aquatics Division in order to better staff the --
11 the Division similar to that of the districts under
12 Recreation to build a career ladder for our program
13 and more accountability.

14 The -- page 12 in your budget is a manpower
15 analysis of the -- of the staff for the pools. This
16 is the A account Pools budget. If you'll see the
17 table on the left, it lists our nine pool complexes,
18 Kihei, Sakamoto, Upcountry, Lahaina, Kokua, etc.

19 Next to that are the efficiency needs based on
20 the USLA standards or -- or based on our national
21 standards for life saving.

22 In other words, for example, at Kihei Pool,
23 which is our largest complex, we have three pools
24 there, the minimum efficiency need are five
25 individuals. That's five lifeguards.

1 If you take that five and times it by
2 eight hours a day, 362 days a year, our pools are
3 only closed three days per year, it comes out with
4 the number of manpower -- man hours required for
5 that specific pool.

6 If you work your way down to the total number
7 of man hours required to keep these pool complexes
8 open, you'll see that it's 72,400 hours are
9 required.

10 On the left, you'll see a chart that --
11 reflecting the equivalent personnel as outlined by
12 our County Department. You'll see that one
13 individual lifeguard at 40 hours times 52 weeks is
14 the 2080. That's -- that's the equivalent personnel
15 standard for the County of Maui.

16 Here we deduct the leave that's eligible for
17 this lifeguard, which is 550 hours per year, which
18 leaves you the individual lifeguard actual hours
19 available to be at his pool station.

20 If you divide that number into the total man
21 hours needed, you will come up with the present
22 staffing needed to service existing pools is 47.3
23 lifeguards.

24 If you will see that all of the positions in
25 the Pool Section come to 40.2 existing lifeguards.

1 Without increasing pool coverage or pool hours, we
2 need 7.1 lifeguards.

3 Next page. On page 13, we are proposing to
4 implement a new position in our pools, which is
5 called the Pool Manager. It is at an SR-18 level.

6 As you know, our lifeguards at our SR-11
7 levels, this will give some kind of ladder situation
8 and also, this Pool Manager will provide some of the
9 paperwork and supervision required at the pool
10 setting. He can also fill in on lunch and if the
11 lifeguard is ill. So he'll be able to assist in
12 keeping that pool open during lunch or if one of the
13 other lifeguards calls in sick.

14 Page 14. We are also requesting for the pools
15 to convert six of the part-time Pool Guard positions
16 from part-time to half-time. These are existing
17 positions in our budget of which we do have
18 vacancies.

19 We believe that in addition to looking at
20 other incentive programs, that we are being assisted
21 by our Department of Personnel Services in looking
22 at being creative and creating incentives to fill
23 these positions. We believe that offering the
24 benefit package to our workers will encourage them
25 to not only apply but also to stay in employment

1 with us.

2 Our part-time workers currently work 15 hours
3 a week. The request would move them to half-time
4 workers which would be at 20 hours a week and to
5 provide them the benefit package they now do not
6 have.

7 These lifeguards also will assist with our
8 weekend and peak time periods to provide our
9 Learn-to-Swim programs.

10 The A account for Aquatic -- for the Ocean
11 Section, we have the same type of matrix so I don't
12 need to go through that again, but I'd like to point
13 out the bottom line here. That without ever
14 increasing coverage at our current lifeguard
15 stations, we need six Ocean Safety Officers for our
16 existing towers.

17 Again, we'll have time to meet with Aquatics
18 Division and go over more specific information as
19 requested.

20 Page 16. Aquatics A account, we are asking
21 for those six additional Ocean Safety Officers that
22 are requested in the matrix previously.

23 We do feel that we need to provide, again,
24 safe situations for our beachgoers, and we are
25 presenting a request to you that will do that.

1 Again, this is just to -- to staff existing
2 services. Also, part of the Ocean Safety Officer
3 Program is to adequately staff the 911 Jet Ski
4 Program.

5 If you turn the page, on page 17, this was
6 requested at the last meeting, where we had an
7 opportunity to go over our '07 budget and so I've
8 enclosed this jet ski response area for you, which
9 shows the four jet ski location sites.

10 They're a little hard to pick up because
11 they're not in color, but they're in Kihei by the
12 Kamaoles, West Maui at Canoe Beach and D.T. Fleming,
13 and in Central Maui at Kanaha Beach Park. Our eight
14 tower locations are also outlined here for you for
15 your reference and information.

16 I'll move on to the Aquatics B account. And
17 this is in the Pool Section. We are asking for
18 \$30,000 to initiate a Pump and Motor Replacement
19 Program that we have not had and we do desperately
20 need. Please note that our pools have 33 -- more
21 than 33 pumps in our pool locations.

22 We tried to include some pictures of the pumps
23 here. This is a daunting task for our pool programs
24 and one night -- not to be lightly undertaken, and
25 we have not had a pool pump replacement program.

1 This program funding is to do just that.

2 If you'll look at the next page, this goes
3 right along with the pool -- the replacement program
4 in the B account is a Pool Filter Replacement
5 Program.

6 Our pool complexes have 37 total filters at
7 our pools. We replace the sand every three to
8 five years, and we have kept up with that task. The
9 filter replacement of every 10 to 15 years, however,
10 as our pools are beginning to age, we have not kept
11 up with that, and this request is providing the
12 means to do that.

13 On page 20, we have the -- still in the Pool
14 Section, we have a C account item for lane lines.
15 This was our mistake. We actually wanted it in the
16 B account, but somehow it's in the C account, to
17 replace our lane lines in our swimming pools.

18 The lane lines, as you can see by the photo
19 here, do need to be replaced. They break down in
20 the sun, and they become very sharp.

21 And when our children are swimming or folks
22 are doing lap swimming, if they hit the lane line
23 and it's broken down and it has sharp edges, we get
24 cuts, and it becomes very dangerous. So this
25 \$11,000 request is to begin to replace our lane

1 lines.

2 The beach -- page 21, the Aquatics Beach C
3 request for six new jet skis. This is a jet ski
4 replacement program that we have not been able to
5 support.

6 We do have the existing fleet down here for
7 your information of when our jet skis have been
8 purchased throughout the years since 2001.

9 We only currently have five operational, and
10 we're keeping our fingers crossed that those five
11 remain operational. In FY '06, we had 218 911 call
12 outs, and our jet skis assist in search and recovery
13 operations throughout our County.

14 Page 22. Again, in Aquatics C account, Beach
15 Section, we are asking for replacement for our
16 roller-eze. These are to patrol the beach --
17 beaches and to launch our jet skis.

18 These are those quads that go up and down the
19 beach. They assist in providing co-response. If we
20 need to close beach areas, address individuals
21 living down the beach in case of natural disasters,
22 they go up and down the beach and inform people of
23 shark sightings, high surf, and also are used for
24 victim transportation.

25 The third program that I will -- that's in our

1 budget in our Department is the Maintenance Program
2 on page 24. You can see that our Maintenance
3 Section is requesting no A -- additional A account
4 expansion. We are requesting a B account expansion
5 request.

6 This first one is for sub-meters. This is a
7 new program that's being requested and, again,
8 identified by staff that we've been needing in our
9 parks. It's to separate the irrigation water from
10 our sewer lines.

11 Currently, many of our water meters are hooked
12 up to our sewer lines so that the irrigation that we
13 are providing in our parks, along with the showers
14 and toilets, we are being charged a sewer fee for
15 these -- for our water.

16 The program request here is to begin
17 separating our water meters so that we can not pay
18 the sewer bills for our irrigation fees.

19 For example, just one example, at Kamehameha
20 III, one of our water meters between September and
21 November, our water fee was \$1560, but our sewer fee
22 was \$2,006.

23 Page 25. Another request of our Maintenance
24 Section is for an increase in tree trimming for our
25 park trees. We know that our Parks Department had

1 received additional funding this year for -- to
2 cover our street tree trimming. We have not
3 received additional funds for our park tree
4 trimming.

5 In FY '06, our contracts expended \$365,000 for
6 our Park Tree Maintenance Program, and we still have
7 complaints. We are very under - under-budgeted and
8 under-funded in this account. We have continuing
9 safety concerns.

10 Now with the Wiliwili Trees coming online, we
11 need to address that, the additional coconuts
12 falling on our cars, on our children, we need to
13 address those coconut trees, and the storm damage,
14 when we have storm damage, we need to call in our
15 Maintenance Section to assist us to clean up the
16 park to make it safe for our users.

17 Page 26, C account request item. When I go
18 through this and when I was going over it with my
19 daughter, she goes oh, a show mobile stage. Oh,
20 here's the fluff in the budget. That could be cut.

21 This is a new request, \$105,000 for a show
22 mobile stage. I had to say that this request came
23 out of the Department from the frontline staff, as
24 they indicated that two -- or one to two times every
25 month our staff are required to set up stages in one

1 of our parks for parks events or community events.
2 That takes five people three days a week to set up
3 and break down stages within our parks. I have a
4 picture here of the piled up stages in back.

5 This new show mobile, which was seen at one of
6 the conferences attended by our staff, you hook it
7 up to your truck, you haul it in, and it sets up in
8 20 minutes. You open it up, it has lights, it has
9 sound, and the stage is up and ready to go, is
10 portable, can then be closed up and stored behind
11 locked gates or until additional use is needed.

12 I know that our Department -- again, we're
13 just looking at ways to improve efficiency in our
14 Department, and this request is for your
15 consideration.

16 Page 27. The C account, I just highlighted
17 two items, two equipment items in the C account for
18 maintenance. These are two items. Currently, we
19 have a Tow Behind Sprayer and a Tow Behind
20 Fertilizer Spreader that are both unusable, and we
21 are unable to repair them.

22 We need to bring the standards of our parks to
23 a professional level. We cannot do that without
24 equipment, and the morale in our parks shows with
25 the kind of equipment that they are offered and that

1 they are required to use in our parks.

2 Our maintenance standards even at the Mode
3 III, the moderate to low level, require fertilizing
4 a couple times a year; and currently, they have to
5 do the walk-behind. It's very discouraging for our
6 Parks staff to use the equipment they are, so
7 this -- this is just two pieces that I highlighted.

8 The fourth program is the Planning and
9 Development on page 29, the request for one
10 additional staff in A account for a Long Range
11 Planner.

12 We're requesting the staff to take a large
13 look at our Department, at our community, and to
14 work with our planning long -- our Planning
15 Department and to coordinate with our General Plan.

16 Right now, our existing staff are barely able
17 to keep up with the existing CIP projects, requests
18 for comment from agencies, as well as reviewing the
19 park assessment requests that come in for
20 developers.

21 We need someone in our Department who's taking
22 the big picture, taking the big look and looking
23 with other -- working with other departments in our
24 County to come up with a better plan for our
25 residents.

1 The fifth program that I'll briefly cover is
2 Recreation and Support Services Division. On page
3 31, outlining the A account request for Personnel,
4 we are requesting to convert 25 of our part-time
5 Recreational Aide positions to half-time.

6 This request was discussed previously again to
7 try and improve recruitment and to retain qualified
8 staff. You can see the table on the right-hand side
9 that outlines the Rec Aide positions that we
10 currently have.

11 Right now, we do have seven or eight positions
12 currently vacant. It is not -- we believe that
13 working with our Department of Personnel Services
14 and providing half-time benefits, again, it will
15 change our services from 15 hours a week to 20 hours
16 a week, as well as providing the benefit package.
17 This will assist in providing the services required
18 to our County.

19 The other position that is outlined here as a
20 A account request under Recreation and Support
21 Service is one additional full-time Recreation staff
22 for South Maui. Please note in your budget that
23 South Maui currently only has two full-time
24 Recreation staff.

25 Our girls softball league has doubled this

1 past year. We have a thousand kids enrolled in our
2 basketball programs, and we have complaints by our
3 adults that we are unable to service them to provide
4 adequate adult programming.

5 Our two full-time staff also provide services
6 for the seniors in that area. The South District is
7 enormously understaffed to provide existing service.

8 Believe me, this budget does not take into
9 account all of the upcoming parks and programs that
10 are quickly coming online, and those will be
11 addressed in a future request.

12 On page 32. We are also requesting additional
13 staff to support our daily operations. We're
14 requesting five full-time Park Caretakers. This
15 actually breaks down to one PC, Park Caretaker II
16 position for the East District and four additional
17 full-time East Park Caretaker Is in the East
18 District, which brings it to the five.

19 Our half-time Park Caretaker request breaks
20 down to six half-time workers for the East District
21 and two half-time workers in the Central District.

22 For some of you Council who we've had the
23 opportunity through the past Parks Council
24 Committees, we've been sharing with you our program
25 to become accredited and to meet park maintenance

1 standards, as far as daily operations. And this
2 picture here is a picture of the park maintenance
3 standards that we are striving to provide for our
4 community.

5 If you'll look on the next page, on page 33,
6 tried to briefly outline for you the manpower
7 analysis for our Park Caretakers only to address a
8 Mode III.

9 For our national standards, they have five
10 modes of operation, Mode I being a service that is
11 similar to Wailea Resort area; Mode V, which is the
12 lowest standard, is a wetland area or a natural
13 habitat situation.

14 What our Department is currently striving for
15 is to be a Mode III, that means moderate to low
16 service. And Mode III, just to let you know, is
17 cleaning restrooms one time per day, mowing the
18 fields at mowing every -- once every ten days,
19 cleaning grills, picnic tables once a week, etc.
20 There -- there's quite a list, and I would be more
21 than happy to share that with anyone any time.

22 If you'll look the -- on the left-hand side,
23 the district's base yards are outlined for you.
24 Those are our base yard locations. The next column
25 is the weekly park caretaker man hours required.

1 This does not include the supervisors, the
2 maintenance supervisor.

3 But for East District, since that's our major
4 request right now, please note that it takes 923 man
5 hours per week to accommodate Mode III basic
6 services in our parks. If you break that down, it's
7 28.8 Park Caretakers needed to provide this service.

8 Please note existing Park Caretakers, we have
9 20 in the East District. That shows that we
10 currently in the East District are minus 8.8, almost
11 9 Park Caretakers, and that is to provide this
12 minimum or moderate to low service in that
13 community.

14 It is very discouraging for our Park
15 Caretakers who do have a checklist that we are
16 striving to maintain this service to go from
17 restroom to restroom trying to keep their weed
18 eating up, their fields cleaned, and then to be
19 called out due to a complaint to have to go move
20 bleachers, service the field, build a -- or build a
21 pitcher's mound.

22 These are not even things that are on their
23 list to do during the day, so they're -- we're --
24 we're trying really hard to keep up and so just want
25 to share with people.

1 I'm not saying that we're perfect either and
2 that every Park Caretaker is, you know, working at
3 110 percent, but just to let you know this is the --
4 the standard that we are striving to reach.

5 If -- you'll see on the bottom the assumptions
6 here. The personnel was updated to include the
7 2007, but the land acquisition is -- is looking at
8 the 2005. This is not including the parks that are
9 coming online like Kulamalu, Paanimai Park. This
10 does not include that information.

11 The next page, page 34. Community Center
12 Monitoring Program. This is a pilot program that
13 again came from our staff as an idea that we would
14 like to implement to provide appropriate accountable
15 service.

16 This program is targeted at our five main
17 community centers -- Velma McWayne Santos, Mayor
18 Hannibal Tavares, Eddie Tam, Kihei, and Mitchell
19 Pauole Center.

20 This is a program that would provide service
21 from Thursday to Sunday, which if we have scheduled
22 large birthday parties, special events at the
23 center, we would not give the user the key. We
24 would actually have staff there to provide -- to
25 open for them, get them oriented, help set up tables

1 and chairs, locate where the coffee pot gets plugged
2 in, and to assist these large parties and to treat
3 our facilities like our home and invite them in.

4 We believe that this would greatly reduce the
5 misuse of our facilities, it would decrease our
6 vandalism, and it would greatly decrease the
7 complaints that we have from our neighbors.

8 Currently, when we don't -- when we don't have
9 staff there in the evening, we cannot always monitor
10 what time our facilities close down. Again, this is
11 a pilot project and a request from our staff.

12 If indeed this does get funded and is
13 successful, we will look at changing our rates and
14 fees, a request for next fiscal year based on the
15 success of this program.

16 Page 35. We have a request for \$9,600 to
17 provide the \$24 test needed on 400 of our volunteer
18 coaches for the criminal history check. This is to
19 fingerprint our volunteers who are already giving so
20 much to our program.

21 We cannot ask them to fork up that additional
22 \$24 to get themselves criminal history checks, but
23 we would like -- we need to implement this in our
24 Youth Sports Program.

25 Page 36. Recreation and Support Services C

1 account. I will not go into all of the equipment
2 required, requested, and needed in our Division. I
3 think that you can see it there, and you'll have an
4 opportunity to ask staff about it during their
5 program time.

6 Our second to last program in our Department
7 is our PALS Program. For the PALS A account, we
8 have an expansion request for \$74,000 to provide two
9 additional sites for the winter intercession and the
10 spring intercession programs. This will provide
11 staffing for these two additional sites.

12 I believe we've had some discussion on this
13 before, and we feel this is desperately needed.
14 Again, this is only two additional sites.

15 The next page for the PALS B account, just
16 like the construction costs that we're so amazed
17 about going up and up, our transportation costs have
18 gone up and up as well. This B account request for
19 \$50,000 is to bus five of our sites during the
20 summer to pool locations.

21 We currently do have some money in -- in the
22 budget to bus our sites. We have 19 sites.
23 Additional sites that are located near pools can
24 walk there, we don't need busing transportation, but
25 a big emphasis on our program is Learn-to-Swim and

1 so this program -- this request is to provide busing
2 for five sites during the summer to Learn-to-Swim
3 programs one time a week.

4 The last program outlined in our handout is
5 the Golf Course. Waiehu Golf Course currently does
6 not have maintenance staff working on the weekends.
7 I think you can see that by our high overtime
8 expenditures.

9 This request is to -- to initiate weekend work
10 by providing one half-time Groundskeeper to reduce
11 our overtime costs and to eliminate our -- our folks
12 scheduled during the week to work on the weekends
13 and to be there in case of emergencies and safety.

14 That's the end of this particular
15 presentation. I thank you for your time, and we are
16 excited to present this request to you, and we do
17 hope that you remember that this request is for our
18 community and to provide the benefits that our
19 community is requesting and I believe deserve.
20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Tamara. The Chair notes the
22 time. At this time, the Chair would like to call
23 for our morning break; and coming back from break,
24 we'll go directly to the different accounts for the
25 different programs of the Parks Department, so the

1 Chair would like the Members to return at about
2 10:40. This meeting is in recess.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)...

4 **RECESS: 10:24 a.m.**

5 **RECONVENE: 10:45 a.m.**

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
7 Committee meeting is now reconvened. Thank you,
8 Members, for that break. I think we all needed that
9 break. It -- it's pretty warm in here, so -- okay,
10 Members, I want to thank the Parks Department for
11 that presentation.

12 Again, in -- like in previous days, we'll
13 review by programs A, B, C account for the
14 Department. So at this time, the Chair would like
15 to go into the Administration Program.

16 And Members, if you do have questions in
17 regards to this handout, and I think the handout is
18 basically following the departments by program that
19 she had already noted.

20 So Members, any questions on the A account,
21 which is the Salaries and Wages for the
22 Administration Program? We'll go with Member
23 Victorino first.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Under the
25 Administration, you have a 21 percent increase, and

1 obviously part of that increase would be for the --
2 would that -- would law -- would the -- the security
3 officers fall under that, under Administration,
4 right?

5 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, they do.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So a large chunk of that
7 \$169,000 increase would fall under this \$115,000 for
8 our Park Rangers, yeah?

9 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. The only question I had
11 when it came to the Park Rangers, you mentioned that
12 they would have two together in almost all -- all
13 times when they go out for safety reasons if nothing
14 else, right?

15 MS. HORCAJO: In the evening especially.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: In the evening, yeah.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: How would you do this, or how
19 would you accomplish this on Molokai when you're
20 showing one. You have three district-wide, but I
21 would see a challenge with Molokai, right? So how
22 would you -- how would you work that out for the
23 island of Molokai?

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

25 MR. HELM: Yeah. Councilman Victorino, currently, we do

1 have a -- security on Molokai that's doing some of
2 the coverage, and they -- they provide one security.
3 And basically, for Molokai, everything is pretty
4 much spread out and, you know, this would probably
5 be not so much a problem as Maui.

6 I think, you know, based on the population,
7 based on the programs, it shouldn't be a --
8 necessary to have two, rather than just have one on
9 Molokai because based on the -- you know, it's --
10 the -- the current security we have is contracted at
11 this time. And maybe with -- with the position from
12 Molokai, they could work hand in hand with the
13 contracted position, too, so.

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That was the question I had --
15 (inaudible) --

16 MR. HELM: Yes.

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. It's contracted so if
18 it's contracted and you bring in a Park Ranger, then
19 they could work as a tandem whenever necessary. I
20 understand the demographics of Molokai.

21 It's a beautiful island, it's a friendly
22 island, but there are times that maybe two would be
23 necessitated, just like here on Maui, and to have
24 just one Park Ranger and -- you know, then you need
25 to fly somebody in or, like you say, you provide the

1 security.

2 Now, second thing is the citing power. When
3 will the citing powers be enabled to these Park
4 Rangers? When will they be able to get the citing
5 power? Right now, they don't have citation powers.

6 MS. HORCAJO: Councilmember Victorino, I have Bob Straub
7 here who is in charge of this particular program for
8 our Department who can address that specifically.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

10 MR. STRAUB: Aloha and Good morning, Chairperson Pontanilla
11 and Council Members. My name is Bob Straub. My
12 official title is Special Events Coordinator;
13 however, I've been spending a lot of time in a very
14 exciting program. This -- this Park Ranger Program
15 has -- has evolved and is evolving daily.

16 Mike, in -- in response to your question, we
17 actually have received citation authorization from
18 the courthouse on Maui already. We have not started
19 it due to safety reasons on the suggestion of MPD.

20 They wanted us to have dispatch radios so that
21 we are in direct contract because -- with the MPD.
22 With -- with citation book in hand comes
23 confrontation.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

25 MR. STRAUB: The potential for it. So for safety reasons,

1 they've suggested that we have the radios. They are
2 in the hands of MPD right now. They are programming
3 them right now and probably would -- before May 1st,
4 we will have them, and we will go through training
5 on how to deal with dispatch and how to deal with
6 the radios for our officers.

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And one more question, Mr. Chair,
8 if I may.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: On the -- so that the public
11 understands, these security officers, what are they
12 basically tasked beyond the vendor enforcement, when
13 you talking commercial vendors, what will they be
14 asked to -- to do when they're there just so that
15 the public has a feeling of confidence that they're
16 going to be there to assist, not to be adversarial?

17 And then you just mentioned that a moment ago,
18 so kind of give the public a quick overview on what
19 the Park Rangers' primary responsibility will be.

20 MR. STRAUB: Okay, our -- our -- our initial primary
21 responsibility, as you mentioned, was for the ocean
22 recreation activity permits. We were out in each of
23 the parks from Makena Landing all the way to D.T.
24 Fleming.

25 With our presence came community expectations,

1 and those expectations included something as simple
2 as when they see the word enforcement on our truck,
3 if they needed a First Aid situation, they didn't
4 see a lifeguard at the park, they came to us.

5 So -- so the community expectation started to
6 evolve, and now what has happened is we're getting
7 involved with illegal camping, we're getting
8 involved with vandalism issues, we've closed a skate
9 park in -- in Kalama Park for safety issues, and now
10 we get calls regarding people illegally accessing,
11 trespassing that area.

12 So we've been involved on a day-to-day basis
13 with any of the issues, actually, that MPD deals
14 with, except that it is strictly limited to our
15 parks. We do not get involved in anything outside
16 of the jurisdiction that County of Maui has for our
17 parks system.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 I have a few more questions, but I'll let the --
20 I'll yield to my other colleagues and then if
21 there's time, I'll ask those questions after.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Hokama?

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, mine would be more for
24 Mr. Pablo.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And so I'll state the question in case
2 he needs some time to prepare his answer.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm wondering for this Department,
5 Mr. Pablo, if you have it by divisions, I -- I want
6 to see your anticipated savings or anything you're
7 projecting for this -- this Department?

8 Because you've made premises in this budget
9 that there's \$35 million of General Fund carryover,
10 so I'm trying to understand where it's coming from,
11 what divisions, and so my question to you is what,
12 if any, is coming from Parks Department; and if so,
13 what divisions are they coming from?

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Pablo?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because then I'll be matching it
16 against the request. Thank you, Chairman.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

18 MR. PABLO: I don't have (inaudible).

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So you'll provide us with a written
20 reply on that?

21 MR. PABLO: The divisions in the Park and Recreation
22 Department?

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, and then maybe it will be
25 helpful in advance if Mr. Pablo can kind of work

1 with your staff so we have a sense of where this
2 savings are coming from so we can make appropriate
3 adjustments within the budget.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

5 Mr. Molina?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. Just one
7 follow-up question with regards to the security
8 persons.

9 Where do you folks plan to have these
10 additional personnel stationed, and will there be
11 any particular beach parks that will be the focus?

12 For example, we have issues going on over at
13 Kanaha Beach Park. I mean, will there be a special
14 emphasis in places like that and other beach parks?

15 MR. STRAUB: If you refer to page 8, what we tried to do
16 was to extend an idea of what we anticipate doing.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

18 MR. STRAUB: However, we've been referring to -- within the
19 Department, we've been referring to hot spots.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. STRAUB: And -- and -- and one of the hot spots that
22 we've dealt with just recently has been Kanaha, both
23 on a -- on a -- from a camping issue because it's
24 one of our legal camping areas, so we've been
25 dealing with those issues with the legal campers, as

1 well as the illegal campers that are down and beyond
2 in -- beyond the park area, itself.

3 So we have been dealing with hot spot issues,
4 and -- and sometimes one day it might be the skate
5 park in Kihei, the next day it might be people
6 illegally accessing D.T. Fleming because it's so
7 rural. So -- so we deal with it individually,
8 and -- and we expect that to continue.

9 What we did by -- by trying to classify
10 each -- each district as having one ParkRanger, it
11 was dealt with on a -- on a daytime basis and then
12 you'll note one of the columns there has three
13 people. That's for safety issues in the evening, to
14 have coverage in the evening as well because that's
15 where some of our problems do tend to increase.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Thank you,
17 Chairman.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Molina. Question. I
19 note that your coverage days are from Thursday to
20 Monday. Do we have any security for Tuesday and
21 Wednesday?

22 MR. STRAUB: Actually, we will have -- we have two rangers
23 right now that are covering and -- and splitting the
24 hours. You'll note that we've put down here varied
25 hours.

1 As this program, depending on how many we can
2 -- and hopefully we get all six, but depending on
3 how well we do with regards to having the -- the
4 total number of officers, we'll be able to adjust
5 our hours and adjust our schedules to include seven
6 days a week.

7 We are covering seven days a week now. One of
8 our officers works from Friday through Tuesday and
9 then the other officer works Wednesday through
10 Sunday, so we are covering seven days a week now,
11 and we anticipate we'll be able to do that as well
12 and just adjust the hours, depending when you
13 approve all six guys.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Medeiros, questions?

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. For the
16 Department, on page 3 of your handout, if you could
17 just explain to me what R&SS means?

18 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Councilmember Medeiros. It's
19 Recreation and Support Services Division. That is
20 the division that has all of the Recreation staff,
21 as well as the daily operations Park Caretakers.
22 It's our largest division.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And I notice when you say
24 East Maui, it actually isn't Hana. You list Hana
25 separately?

1 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. My other questions are, you
3 know, the request for the six expansion positions
4 for Park Security Officers, which is on our list
5 here, now, the officers are at SR-13, is that
6 correct?

7 MS. HORCAJO: That is what they are currently classified
8 as.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. On your request for the
10 increase or expansion positions, are --is the
11 Department looking at upgrading those positions?

12 MS. HORCAJO: In the long run, we have had many discussions
13 with Department of Personnel Services and are
14 working with them to make sure that these positions
15 are adequately classified.

16 When we initiated this program, part of the
17 plan was to have this as a career path for our Ocean
18 Safety Officers who can no longer meet the rigorous
19 requirements of an Ocean Safety Officer, and this
20 may be a career path for them.

21 If they are very young but just can't quite
22 cut the USLA requirements that are needed and they
23 would then have the skills and training to assist
24 the public, we are still working with Department of
25 Personnel Services to see if we can accommodate that

1 kind of career ladder within our own Department.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I -- I see. And in -- in the
3 consideration for a career ladder in that division,
4 do you foresee, you know, a supervisor?

5 I -- I know under Mr. Straub that, you know,
6 that's been put on his plate, too, along with all
7 the events, but do you see a supervisor within that
8 organization of Park Rangers?

9 MS. HORCAJO: We certainly need to look at a
10 reorganization, as we are with -- depending on the
11 funding -- funding that we receive, we are going to
12 have to seriously get to work.

13 I -- we've done a lot of work to prepare this
14 budget, but our real work is going to come if we
15 receive this whole budget.

16 We are really going to have to kick in and
17 look at providing some kind of supervision because
18 with the current arrangement with the six officers
19 and one special events person, it's -- it's not
20 going to be adequate.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: You know, you're going to have
22 Mr. Straub at a concert, and -- and, you know, the
23 Parks Ranger's going to need help maybe down in
24 Makena or someplace, so that's a concern.

25 I had one more question. So in the expansion

1 of the positions that you show here, are they --
2 and -- and I asked about, you know, an upgrade as
3 far as their position description especially if
4 they're going to have citation authority, that you
5 consider that, but you also have, you know, the
6 equipment, you know, for them for that expansion
7 positions?

8 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, we do.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, you don't have to go in
10 equipment, that's another one.

11 MS. HORCAJO: Okay.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros. Member
15 Johnson?

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. I -- I'm just going over the
17 composition, I guess it's 169,000, and I just -- I'm
18 looking at -- on page 12-4.

19 If I look at 115.5, I look at Permit
20 Enforcement of 14,451 and then roughly \$3,000 in
21 Safety and Training. For some reason, you know, it
22 comes up -- when I just add it, and I don't have my
23 calculator, but it comes up to 155,000 so I'm
24 wondering where I'm off. Can somebody enlighten me?

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

1 MS. HORCAJO: You're talking about the A account only?

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. It's the...

3 MS. HORCAJO: Park Security Officers for the request --

4 because you're on 12-4, is that correct?

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. I'm looking at the 12-4,

6 115,440. I'm just trying to look at where the 169

7 is coming from.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Where's the 169?

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's on Salaries and Wages,

10 169,606.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's your total for the Administration

12 Program, is that it?

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, that's the --

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: The total.

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- that's the entire total, not

16 just the Personnel?

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, total Administration Program.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, all right. That answers my

19 question because I'm looking at it of what the total

20 increase is, so I see. Thank you.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member

22 Baisa?

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Johnson.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: I'm sorry, Member Johnson. Member

25 Baisa?

1 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you. My name is not easy to
2 mix up, luckily.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, no, no, no.

4 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's the last three alphabets of the
6 name.

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, I guess. Couple of general
8 questions. You mentioned in your overview that
9 there was a need for criminal checks for 400
10 volunteers and to comply with the law. Is it . . . we
11 don't do them now?

12 MS. HORCAJO: The specific request for the 400 volunteers
13 is under the Recreation and Support Services
14 Division for our volunteer coaches. Our staff -- so
15 that request for the coaches is, again, for the --
16 the fathers working as -- as volunteers in our
17 community -- from our community.

18 We -- the hiring procedure for our staff,
19 any -- by law, we are required to do criminal
20 history checks on any of our staff that work
21 directly with children or elderly as -- as required
22 by the Code.

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And you do them?

24 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, we do, upon hiring. It's a condition of
25 employment.

1 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's great. And I think it's a
2 very wise move to extend it to all volunteers who
3 work with children because the potential for abuse
4 these days is so great. So I think that's a really
5 wise idea.

6 The other question that really intrigued me
7 was your discussion about Mode III, a way of, you
8 know, operating --

9 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

10 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: -- where you provide moderate to low
11 service, and the area you were talking about was the
12 East District?

13 And looking at the parks that are in the East
14 District, that's places like Baldwin Park and
15 Hookipa, you know, such heavily used areas, and I
16 think you were trying to briefly give us an idea of
17 what that kind of service means.

18 But, you know, like checking the restrooms
19 once a day, you know, I happen to be a restroom
20 user, a frequent restroom user, and it's very --
21 it's very difficult and, to me, very -- a turnoff
22 for tourists who we are trying to present our best
23 face of Maui to and for our local families.

24 I mean, who wants to take your little
25 grandchild or child into a restroom that is so --

1 not so great to be in. And what people wind up
2 doing is finding a tree rather than going into the
3 restroom, and I'm really concerned about this Mode
4 III way of -- particularly with highly used parks.
5 Any comments?

6 MS. HORCAJO: I do have a comment, and I would love to
7 share with you. We, too, are very frustrated with
8 not being able to meet the required services
9 especially for our beach parks.

10 We would like to see our beach parks and the
11 War Memorial area into a higher mode of service. We
12 have 2,000 people hitting some of these beach parks
13 a day with the level of service we're able to
14 provide.

15 It's very frustrating to get the complaints
16 that we get and know the number of staffing and how
17 we're able to -- to service these parks. So again,
18 this request is hopefully trying to let you know
19 what our frustration is.

20 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I thank you for that, and I
21 understand your -- your situation, where you have a
22 lot more need than you can fill, but we've got to
23 find a way, and I think part of it is the users of
24 the park, too.

25 You know, as a woman, when I go into a woman's

1 restroom, I am appalled at the condition of it,
2 where there is paper all over and toilets are -- you
3 know, there's stuff all over and kind of kapulu, and
4 it -- you know, we are a part of the issue, and we
5 have to take good care of the restrooms if we want
6 them to look good.

7 So I think part of it is the public who has to
8 realize that if we want squeaky clean -- clean
9 restrooms, we're either going to have to pay for it,
10 or we ourselves need to be a little bit more
11 diligent in how we treat restrooms, so thank you.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member
13 Anderson?

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I've got
15 questions on Maintenance, too, but I -- I'll wait
16 until we get to that section.

17 Under Administration, first I'd like to
18 preface my questions by saying I'm very happy to see
19 that the Park is demanding their turn, the Parks
20 Department is demanding their turn this year.

21 You know, it's long overdue; and basically,
22 it's catch-up ball at this point. And -- and we
23 can't even move forward until we just catch up, so
24 hopefully next year we'll have already caught up
25 with the needs that are currently existing, and we

1 can move forward in this Administration. I'm really
2 looking forward to that.

3 So in -- in regards to the positions under the
4 Administration Division, Ms. Horcajo, could you just
5 give me a very brief explanation under Safety and
6 Training on 12-4, you have a Volunteer Action
7 Coordinator and a Safety Officer. Could you just
8 briefly describe what they do?

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

10 MS. HORCAJO: I can. I see we had our staff, Sue Kiang,
11 here, but I think she briefly stepped out. Our
12 Safety and Training Coordinator provide coordination
13 for the training of our staff.

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Now, which is that, the Volunteer
15 Action Coordinator or the Safety Officer?

16 MS. HORCAJO: They work in coordination with each other.
17 It -- it is a little bit awkward the way the
18 position is identified in the budget as a Volunteer
19 Action Coordinator because the previous Council had
20 changed that particular section.

21 There was a time and an administration that
22 was not supportive of the Volunteer Action Program
23 and did away with that particular program within our
24 Department. That program has now changed to Safety
25 and Training with the -- the position name of

1 Volunteer Action Coordinator and that -- it's the
2 same...

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So it's really a misnomer.

4 MS. HORCAJO: It's a misnomer. We are working with
5 Department of Personnel Services to change that; but
6 the Training Section, we are required to -- and
7 mandated to do training for ADA, bloodborne
8 pathogens, OSHA recreation --

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So these...

10 MS. HORCAJO: -- or OSHA activities.

11 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So these two positions are
12 basically training positions?

13 MS. HORCAJO: They --

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: For staff?

15 MS. HORCAJO: -- are there to coordinate training for our
16 staff.

17 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thanks. So there's really
18 no volunteer...

19 MS. HORCAJO: No, it's a misnomer.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. ...(Inaudible)...

21 MS. HORCAJO: -- with Personnel Services.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, then on to the Park Security
23 Officers. I'm fully in support of this. Again,
24 long overdue. And I know that there is going to be
25 some wrap-up time and -- and all, but geez, it sure

1 seems like the salary is awfully low for somebody
2 that has such responsibility. And I don't
3 understand why we're -- what does \$19,240 a year
4 work out to be at an hourly wage, can any of you
5 tell me?

6 MS. HORCAJO: Thirteen -- about \$13 an hour. And again,
7 this particular position, the classification of this
8 position is with Department of Personnel Services.
9 They are working with us. As we implemented this
10 program, this position was classified based on the
11 statewide classification.

12 As we are actually implementing this program,
13 we're finding that the needs and the community
14 expectations, as Bob had indicated, have changed and
15 so we do need to work with them and to come up with
16 a -- to revisit this classification, and we will be
17 doing that.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Good. I'm -- I'm glad to hear
19 that because you're putting a lot of responsibility
20 on the shoulders of these officers, and I think they
21 should be compensated accordingly.

22 And as you said, you know, you don't know what
23 the need is until you get people out there
24 interacting with the public to let you know what the
25 situation is, and, you know, we have a lot of

1 experience in -- in South Maui as to how important
2 it is to have people on the ground to discourage
3 unacceptable behavior in our parks.

4 And with KPAC, they did quite a phenomenal
5 job, and I think these security officers are going
6 to allow the -- the efforts that they put forward to
7 have some long-lasting effect because if you don't
8 have the ability to arrest people and remove them
9 from the park when necessary, you know, they're just
10 going to laugh at you and -- and move down to
11 another park and be there the next night, and it's
12 just an ongoing problem.

13 So are we looking at, you know, six. So we're
14 going to have a total of...

15 MS. HORCAJO: Eight.

16 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Eight. And boy, when you look at
17 all these parks that they need to be covering, it's
18 a monumental task, and I would venture to say
19 physically impossible. They're going to have to
20 rotate and go to certain parks on certain days.

21 So are you folks looking at adding more people
22 to this program next year or the following year?

23 MS. HORCAJO: We're taking it one step at a time at this
24 point and -- and looking at the need. Having the
25 two in place to look at our commercial ocean

1 recreation activities, we see that being there as a
2 prevention, education has -- has and will move us
3 forward.

4 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. And, you know, the problem
5 with that is that there's only a small window of
6 time when these ocean recreation activities actually
7 launch, and they usually all launch very early in
8 the morning.

9 So I don't know how two officers can be at
10 every beach park where they're doing this to -- you
11 know, to check on who's there and who has a permit
12 and who doesn't, so we're -- we're setting them up
13 for an impossible task; but nonetheless, it's a
14 beginning.

15 And so I did hear that there are going to be
16 vehicles provided for these folks?

17 MS. HORCAJO: Yes.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And we'll get into that when we
19 get to Equipment?

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But I also want to know will these
22 folks have quads for those who are going to be at
23 beach parks? Quads. No, they're going to all be on
24 foot?

25 MR. STRAUB: At -- at this point, we -- we do have a

1 4-wheel drive Polaris which would give us the
2 ability to traverse the -- the beach parks if need
3 be.

4 What we're dealing with right now is the --
5 the way the -- the rules or the State laws are, we
6 have from the high watermark back, through, and into
7 the parks, and we're actually concentrating on
8 controlling the use of the parks by the commercial
9 operators, that being where they're parking --

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

11 MR. HELM: -- where they're using our -- our parks. For
12 instance, when we first started this program, the
13 surfboards were taking up -- I'll -- I'll use a
14 percentage, but maybe 50 percent of the park, and
15 they were there for unlimited times.

16 Now that we've established parameters for
17 them, they all respect the idea that they can put
18 their boards out there for 20 minutes, give a land
19 lesson to new surfers, to the tourists, etc., and
20 then they know they have to go in the water.

21 And they do respond to our presence and --
22 which is very gratifying. While we aren't there,
23 you know, a hundred percent of the time, they know
24 we're coming.

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

1 MR. STRAUB: And they do respect that. The -- the strange
2 part about it is they were the ones also that really
3 wanted it in the first place. They wanted
4 enforcement because they knew that people were doing
5 things that they were not supposed to be doing,
6 including and to this day illegal operators.

7 So we are going to continue, and I think that
8 this program here, even though we won't be able to
9 be there all the time, when you think about it, MPD
10 isn't there all the time either; but the fact that
11 they know our presence will be, you know, on that
12 particular day or in that particular area, I think
13 it's going to work very, very well.

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And then are you folks going to
15 have a phone number that people can call to get
16 ahold of the Safety Officers or -- or a call somehow
17 that you guys can...

18 MR. STRAUB: We're in discussion...

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Because it's going to be the
20 public eye that's going to really help you.

21 MR. STRAUB: We're actually in discussion to try and figure
22 out how -- what's going to be the best way, whether
23 it's going to be to give the cell phones out to --
24 the cell phone numbers out to the general public for
25 our Park Rangers because they are right now, that's

1 the way we contact them, and then the other issue
2 is, you know, I'm not in my office because of other
3 responsibilities all the time so that my number is
4 not necessarily the number to call, so --

5 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

6 MR. STRAUB: -- we are in discussion about how we are going
7 to handle it. We just haven't figured it out yet.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Figured it out yet.

9 MR. STRAUB: But I'm sure it's going to be something
10 similar to a dispatch phone number, similar to the
11 police, the 244-6400, not a 911.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. And then you -- you don't
13 have anything in your Premium Pay that I can see
14 that would address overtime for these folks. You
15 don't anticipate any overtime?

16 MR. STRAUB: That's -- that's a hard one to say. I -- I --
17 I don't -- I don't think we really discussed
18 overtime at this point. We're hoping that with what
19 we do get, with the eight people, that we'll be able
20 to cover it on a -- on a regular basis.

21 So far, only when we had particular events did
22 I ask our guys to stay overtime, but pretty much
23 they've been working from about 6:30 in the morning
24 until 2:30 in the afternoon and covering the parks
25 on that basis.

1 We haven't really worked in the evenings or
2 overtime unless we had a special project that we
3 were working on.

4 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. And then one last question,
5 Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know, we're hearing radio ads
8 about the Superferry right now about, you know, pack
9 up your truck, put your quad on your truck, and come
10 on over to Maui and -- and bring your camping gear
11 and, you know, have at it. And, I mean, they're
12 basically inviting this huge urban population to
13 come over and use our recreational resources at
14 their will.

15 So I'm wondering if anybody from DOT or Hawaii
16 Superferry has contacted the Parks Department and
17 asked them are we -- you know, are we prepared for
18 this influx of recreational users and what it -- you
19 know, have they offered to fund positions to -- to
20 regulate and manage these new recreational users to
21 our shores?

22 MS. HORCAJO: Not that I know of.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department, if you can answer that?

24 MS. HORCAJO: Not that I know of. There's been no contact
25 from Department of Transportation.

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, so I'm just wondering how
2 much time these Park Security Officers are going to
3 be doing informing the residents of -- of Oahu how
4 to respect our shorelines.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Tag 'em. Just tag 'em.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair says tag 'em.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Tag 'em.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Just a
10 quick question in regards to -- I -- I know probably
11 six will -- is not going to be enough to provide the
12 kind of services that we want to provide in regards
13 to security, but I want to make sure that, you know,
14 by us committing to this number here, that your
15 commitment in providing the service to the community
16 is well spent.

17 I -- I think that's, you know, a fair question
18 because our taxpayers are listening today in regards
19 to every expansion position that we put on the board
20 for the Parks Department. They're going to expect
21 something for something that we spend, so just a
22 comment from the Chair in regards to expansions.

23 And wherever you can provide us with
24 information on the improvements on the expansions
25 that is going to be realized by the Department

1 would -- would help us here make some reasonable
2 decisions, so just a comment from the Chair.

3 Member Victorino, any more questions on the A
4 account?

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. You mentioned the salary
6 for these -- or the hourly wage was \$13 an hour.

7 This is based upon how many hours a week working?

8 MS. HORCAJO: Forty.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I'm not a mathematician,
10 but I have my calculator here. If I do this divided
11 by 12, 19,200 divided by 12 comes out to 16,000 -- I
12 mean, \$1603.

13 If you divide that by 160 hours, a four-month
14 work week, right -- 40-hour work week times a
15 regular month, that comes out like around \$10 an
16 hour.

17 So I'm not sure how you -- you know, first of
18 all, I agree with Councilman -- Councilwoman
19 Anderson that this is very low, and we've talked
20 about it, and it's -- you know. And a starting
21 point is a starting point, but if you're saying 13
22 and it's really 10...

23 MS. HORCAJO: I'm -- I'm sorry, I was -- I -- I'm -- I'm
24 not --

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

1 MS. HORCAJO: I need to get my calculator out and work it
2 out as well. It's -- it's too -- it is...

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Too...(inaudible)..., yeah.

4 MS. HORCAJO: Too low.

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's definitely too low.

6 MS. HORCAJO: It's low.

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, definitely too low.

8 MS. HORCAJO: SR-13.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And the other -- the other thing
10 that I think the public wants to -- wants to know is
11 these officers will be in constant contact with MPD
12 if necessary, right?

13 MR. STRAUB: That is -- that is correct. We -- we've
14 established a well -- working relationship with
15 every one of the District Officers, whether they're
16 in Paia or Kihei or wherever, so we have established
17 working relationships with each of the Captains.
18 We've had several meetings with them.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

20 MR. STRAUB: And we have meetings with the -- from each of
21 the Districts, as well as the Lieutenants in the
22 area as well.

23 And then each of the officers, when they come
24 out, we wait for them and make sure that we have
25 some kind of working relationship with each of the

1 officers so they understand what we are trying to
2 accomplish from the educational and prevention
3 standpoint.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I think the -- the police
5 welcome this because of the fact that it helps them
6 because they don't have the time to be monitoring
7 all the time.

8 I think the vast majority of the public that
9 uses our beaches and our parks are law abiding,
10 there to enjoy, not to create a problem; and those
11 few that do, this will be a means for us to monitor
12 them.

13 I think -- you know, I think that's what the
14 public is asking for. That's what I've heard during
15 -- during the campaign and even now. I was just
16 down at Wayside Park on Sunday, had a family outing
17 there, and some of the people saw me walking around
18 and asked me the same question, you know. The
19 safety issue always seems to come up, lifeguards and
20 etc.

21 So, you know, that's something that I think
22 I'd like to see us work more and spend some money in
23 lifeguards because all of our parks should have 'em,
24 but we should have 'em -- if we can't have 'em at
25 every park, close enough that they can assist each

1 other when necessary, you know, when emergencies
2 occur because the little kids are out there
3 swimming, having a great time, and all I can see is
4 somebody getting hurt, somebody drowning, and then
5 the lawsuit would -- could make it non -- a nonissue
6 as far as people are concerned.

7 So I know the difficulty in finding people.
8 I'm not asking that. I'm just saying please, let's
9 continue focusing on that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino, just for your
11 information, the amount that is shown on the budget
12 is for eight months' wages rather than the full
13 year.

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, see, that -- see,
15 Mr. Chair, that's -- that's -- that doesn't say that
16 there so, you know...

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, it doesn't, yeah. You're right.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so it doesn't then I -- you
19 know, so thank you very much. See, my math is not
20 the greatest, but I do know what I do.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Hokama?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just -- just a couple of quick ones in
23 general for the Parks Department. You got 7 percent
24 right now, excluding Golf Course and vacancies
25 according to our staff research, and you're asking

1 for 9 percent more in increase staffing account, so
2 tell us what is your approach to fill your vacancies
3 first?

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

5 MS. HORCAJO: We currently have a number of positions.

6 Mine and my secretary's, for example, are part of
7 those domino effect that happen within the
8 Department when folks are promoted.

9 I believe that a Council Member stated that
10 our Department grows their own, and indeed we do.
11 When we have an opening for a full-time or a skilled
12 worker, we have a domino effect. As some of our
13 labor workers are moved into the skilled workers,
14 that will then leave the half-time position vacant
15 at the bottom.

16 I don't have that list in front of me, but I
17 know that the majority of our vacancies are
18 currently in the part-time areas for our Recreation
19 Aide staff and our Lifeguard staff.

20 The other positions may be having domino
21 effects so that when we have one promotion,
22 sometimes it affects three or four, and the
23 vacancies can be open at one time.

24 I believe on our board we had a closing date
25 of April 2nd for, like, six positions of which one

1 was a Planner position. We should be selecting one
2 person in that position. We have another vacant
3 position there open, and we will be requesting the
4 list for that particular position as well.

5 So our -- our Department is gearing up and
6 knows that it is a challenge to keep our positions
7 filled. And Department of Personnel Services is
8 assisting us with ideas in -- in order to speed up
9 the process, as well as to create incentives to get
10 new people at the low end.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. My -- my next question, then,
12 would be what has your experience been with DPS on
13 the length of filling positions in average?

14 Three months, six months?

15 MS. HORCAJO: I -- it depends on the position. We have --
16 if it's to just fill a regular position, sometimes
17 I'm not sure if the holdup is in my office or in
18 Personnel Services.

19 It takes three to six months to fill a
20 position; and again, some of that holdup could be
21 from our own office. Paperwork is transmitted from
22 one office to another, and we just have one position
23 that tracks this. And I know that if she's on
24 vacation, things may -- we try as best we can to
25 keep it filled, so...

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So our HR payroll system hasn't
2 assisted your Department to fill positions?

3 MS. HORCAJO: We would love that HR payroll to get up and
4 moving, then our clericals can do something besides
5 time sheets. Time sheets take a whole long time, so
6 we're looking forward to the computerization of
7 that system.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say that's true, Director,
9 provided we have confidence in the paperless system
10 because it's not right for the departments to ask
11 the employee if their leave balances are correct.

12 MS. HORCAJO: Boy, that paper system, Council Chair Hokama,
13 our clerical staff spends many days after the 1st
14 and the 15th just trying to keep up with that --

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mm-hmm.

16 MS. HORCAJO: -- antiquated system.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I've got my issues with the new
18 system big-time. Other than that, the last question
19 in -- in Administration is the citations that the
20 Park Officers will be issuing, I'm assuming there's
21 a penalty provision to the citation?

22 MS. HORCAJO: There is, and it is in the ordinance.

23 MR. STRAUB: Yeah. We -- we actually will be issued three
24 separate books, one for parking, one for moving
25 violations, etc., and it all will be issued

1 according to what the State laws are and what the
2 Court is going to issue to us.

3 So we've gotten that approval, and each of our
4 officers of the Park Rangers will be issued a set of
5 three citation books, and we will be issuing tickets
6 according to what the Hawaii State Statutes are, as
7 well as -- as well as the enforcement issues of just
8 trying to educate and prevent.

9 We're not -- we're not going out there with
10 these citation books that -- you know, trying to
11 catch everybody. That's not the intention here.
12 The intention is, and the way it was explained to us
13 by MPD when we went through training, you can go up,
14 and you can educate.

15 You can go up, and you can try and prevent,
16 but you're going to have that, like Mr. Victorino
17 said, that, you know, you have a certain percentage
18 of people that are just not going to pay attention.
19 After all the talking that you do, when you pull the
20 citation book out of your pocket, it's amazing how
21 loud it speaks.

22 And that's basically what we're going to be
23 dealing with in that kind of issue, so we're -- you
24 know, we have the approval, and -- and we just want
25 to deal with it in -- in a common sense kind of way,

1 not an aggressive kind of confrontational way.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: When you say court, what are we talking
3 about, the Circuit Court --

4 MR. STRAUB: Yes.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- judge made a ruling?

6 MR. STRAUB: Yes, yes. That was already done with -- when
7 Corp. Counsel and myself went up to the -- Judge
8 Loo's office, and she approved it, and I have a
9 letter from their office indicating that we have the
10 approval to issue citations.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, good. I just want the money from
12 the citations.

13 MR. STRAUB: Let's get the State law changed. We all want
14 that.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So I want to know where the money's
16 going to go.

17 MR. STRAUB: I'm sorry.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is it to the State General Fund, is it
19 to the County General Fund, is it to the...

20 MR. STRAUB: According to the State law, right now it all
21 goes to the State General Fund, so yes,
22 unfortunately...

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Even the park citations?

24 MR. STRAUB: Even though it's our park system, because of
25 the way the State laws are written, it will go to

1 the State.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: For the park citation. We're not
3 talking about moving citations, that's vehicular.

4 MR. STRAUB: No, no, even -- even the park citations also.
5 Any -- any of the park citations are still Hawaii
6 Revised Statutes, and they -- and it would go to
7 the -- the way that it was explained to me, that it
8 does go, even if they give a -- if they give a -- if
9 we give a handicap parking ticket within the park,
10 it goes to the State. If we give...

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That's a Health Department
12 responsibility, so we can have the health people...

13 MR. STRAUB: Go ahead, I'm sorry.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, I would ask if we can maybe
15 get a copy of the judicial decision just for our,
16 you know, education and knowledge so that we can see
17 if we can make some adjustments because I would like
18 to capture some of that penalty revenue, please.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

20 MS. HORCAJO: If I may make a -- or an addition to that?
21 For the Commercial Ocean Recreation Activities Fund,
22 for the citations for that specific activity, the
23 County Council did set up a fund.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I -- I'm greedy. I wanted all
25 the others. Thank you, Chairman.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Yeah, we do all
2 the work, and -- and guess who benefits.

3 Mr. Molina?

4 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Medeiros?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Just one
7 follow-up. Again, you know, we were talking about
8 the pay level for Park Security Officers, and I'm
9 kind of looking at 12-3 and seeing that a Parks
10 Permit Clerk makes more than the Park Ranger sitting
11 in an air-conditioned office, so I -- I -- I just
12 like to add that, you know, we need to somehow bring
13 the Park Rangers up to a more respectable level for
14 the work they're going to do.

15 And also, not because he's here, but I -- I
16 followed the evolution of the Special Events
17 Specialist position, and it was started because of
18 the football we were having, the baseball, the
19 basketball and, you know, canoe regattas, but it's
20 evolved into much more than that now, especially
21 when you put the Park Ranger Program under that
22 position.

23 So in your next consideration maybe for the
24 next budget, I would say we need to upgrade that
25 position, too, to reflect the new responsibilities

1 for that position. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros. Member
3 Johnson?

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and I -- I think if -- if we
5 look at the issue that was just raised by
6 Councilmember Medeiros, one of the things we have to
7 keep in mind is the secretarial probably is for a
8 full 12 months, and whereas the Park Security
9 Officer is for a lesser period of time, so that may
10 be some of the disparity.

11 My question, and I want the money, too, is
12 that when we participate -- and -- and our personnel
13 are actively participating in, and you have this on
14 14-4 under Administration Accomplishments, Maui
15 Classic Basketball Tournament and also Taste of
16 Lahaina, because our personnel and oftentimes it is
17 a variety of administrative people that get involved
18 in this, have we done any kind of analysis on what
19 we actually get compensated for, or do we not get
20 compensated?

21 Is just this something that we do that we
22 don't benefit from directly financially, it's just a
23 community event that we cosponsor? I just want to
24 know what the take is on it.

25 MR. STRAUB: You know, one of the things that the Maui

1 Invitational has done on a regular basis has --
2 they've -- they've paid for a lot of the maintenance
3 issues that surround that -- that particular
4 classic. They paint the floor every year. Even
5 though we may do the work or we have it contracted
6 out, they -- they've taken care of that.

7 They've also done a lot of the NCAA
8 improvements that were required by NCAA. While we
9 may, you know, take care of the actual setting up of
10 the work, etc., they actually do pay the bills.

11 And if I'm not mistaken, if it came through
12 Council, I think didn't they deal with the air
13 conditioning also at the Lahaina Civic Center? I
14 think that they were the ones responsible. I -- I
15 wasn't directly involved with that part of it, but I
16 think so.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I think we did pay for that.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: We did.

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If I'm not mistaken. It was the
20 reallocation from another budget item,
21 unfortunately, and that was part of our whole deal,
22 I guess, in extending the contract, so -- but from
23 Taste of...

24 MS. HORCAJO: The -- the events are -- are basically
25 meeting the needs and providing wonderful service to

1 the community, and they do benefit our community.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And -- and the programs that
3 they provide, too, are really important. With
4 regard to Taste of Lahaina, how does -- in -- in a
5 similar way that we have the Maui Classic or Maui
6 Invitational, how do we benefit from Taste of
7 Lahaina? Is that a similar type of situation?

8 MS. HORCAJO: Taste of Lahaina basically uses our
9 facilities, but we do assist and support that
10 particular effort. As you know, it's a great event
11 on the West side, and they do use our fields, but
12 they do pay for the cost of setup there.

13 We -- Parks Department does get some benefit
14 of return just for the improvements that they
15 provide for their own event and then they leave
16 those behind.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And -- and Mr. Chair, and
18 perhaps any programs that we provide, particularly
19 with our personnel time, to me, it's really
20 important because our personnel, part of the whole
21 quality of their life is having that free time.

22 And when they're doing all these special
23 events, I just want to make certain that either
24 there's some kind of benefit, or there's something
25 coming back to the County because obviously, you

1 know, when you look at Premium Pay, when you look at
2 other issues, if we're actually subsidizing this, if
3 it's something that we feel is really important,
4 I -- I just would like to have a better idea.

5 So if these events or other events have
6 actually made either contributions of improvements,
7 equipment, anything in kind, I would be really
8 interested in knowing that because I think that many
9 times, I get asked the question --

10 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- well, what is the Parks
12 Department getting back for this for all their hard
13 work and even sometimes from Parks employees.

14 MS. HORCAJO: That's very good. And we need to get better
15 at requiring folks who come over. For example, with
16 the Invitational now, they do put on the events for
17 our youth, and they do have clinics for our -- our
18 teams to come out with the National Football League
19 when they were here. They did run sporting events,
20 and I think that is correct.

21 We need to get better at requesting support
22 from people who are coming to us sometimes. That
23 hasn't been done in the past and -- and then we will
24 keep you informed as we go along.

25 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I really appreciate it. And

1 it's mostly because I get asked these questions; and
2 when I don't know how to answer it --

3 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- it kind of leaves me in the
5 dark, too, because obviously, they do provide the
6 programs.

7 But so many times when the Hula Bowl was even
8 here, we always ask what is the dollar value, what
9 are -- what are we getting from offering these kind
10 of really wonderful facilities if we get the
11 privilege of paying for all the repairs. That's not
12 always, you know, a good deal for the citizens
13 because obviously, they're paying the bill. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. You're very
16 correct. When we do provide our facilities, we got
17 to make sure that the taxpayers are also aware of
18 the things that we get back from those entities.
19 Member Baisa?

20 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No further questions in this area.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: We're still on Administration
24 Personnel?

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, I just have a quick question
2 because this is disturbing, what I just heard about
3 their citations.

4 If -- well, first of all, they're going --
5 they're empowered to cite people who are parking in
6 beach-access parking, but they're not beach users,
7 is that correct?

8 MR. STRAUB: I'm sorry?

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Let me give you...

10 MR. STRAUB: Could you repeat that again, please?

11 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, let me give -- give you an
12 example. I get calls all the time from people who
13 complain that employees of hotels are parking in
14 beach-access parking.

15 MR. STRAUB: Okay.

16 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And I haven't been able to find
17 who could go and cite them. So are these officers
18 going to have that function?

19 MR. STRAUB: Yes. That will be included, and -- and you're
20 probably referring to Wailea Beach Park for one of
21 'em because we -- that was one of the hot spots that
22 I referred to recently -- I mean, earlier.

23 Recently, we were down at Wailea Beach Park
24 for a week. I assigned our guys. They actually put
25 in -- that was one of those two-hour overtime deals

1 where we had them go in at 5:00 in the morning and
2 sit there and wait. And actually, one day we had 65
3 locals come in and want to park in the Wailea Beach
4 access, which is strictly for beach access. So what
5 we did...

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You mean -- when you say locals,
7 you mean employees?

8 MR. STRAUB: Hotel workers -- hotel workers --

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

10 MR. STRAUB: -- construction workers --

11 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

12 MR. STRAUB: -- nonbeach users --

13 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

14 MR. STRAUB: -- other than beach users. Now -- and -- and
15 we even had one guy who confronted our guys. He
16 went down, and he was there at 6 o'clock in the
17 morning. He went surfing. He said he was going
18 surfing.

19 He took his surfboard, went into the water,
20 came back out about an hour later, put his surfboard
21 back in his car and started to walk away.

22 And our officer approached him and said can
23 I -- I'm going to work. I'm sorry, you have to move
24 your car. And then it was confrontation. So --
25 and -- and he ended up moving his car, and we didn't

1 have to call MPD in, and we didn't have to call MPD
2 in, actually, the entire week. By the end of the
3 week, they recognized the fact that they couldn't
4 park there.

5 Now, that problem will probably come back
6 because we don't sit at Wailea Beach Park all the
7 time. However, we will, with additional people, be
8 able to continue a program where we're going to pay
9 attention to some of those issues as they become hot
10 spots a little quicker and a little better.

11 So yes, and we will be able to give them
12 citations if we go in. Just like you park out front
13 here for two hours -- I hope I don't get a ticket
14 because I'm there since 9 o'clock, but anyway,
15 they -- they -- they actually chalk. They chalk the
16 wheels, and that's what we will be doing as well.

17 They've already taught us how to deal with
18 that issue and how to keep track, and also we bought
19 cameras specifically because people have gone to
20 court and said that they -- oh, they weren't there.
21 So when you give a citation, they -- they suggested
22 take pictures.

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I am so thrilled to hear you doing
24 that. I mean, right on, you know?

25 MR. STRAUB: Well, thank you.

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Enforcement at last because rules
2 and regulations mean absolutely nothing unless you
3 can enforce it.

4 MR. STRAUB: And -- and, you know...

5 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: People know that.

6 MR. STRAUB: Thank you, and I appreciate that because it
7 goes back even to maintenance issues also. We have
8 people that park on the grass for 20 years, okay, in
9 all of our parks.

10 What they don't recognize is that they're
11 driving over irrigation heads, damaging our
12 facilities and what have you, and it costs the Parks
13 Department to repair them.

14 So what we're trying to do is establish a
15 program where we're trying to educate please don't
16 park on the grass. I mean, all of those kind of
17 issues come into play, and we'll be able to deal
18 with it better, I think.

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so are you telling me that
20 those citations and those fines, because they're
21 enforced ultimately by Circuit Court, go to the
22 State?

23 MR. STRAUB: That's correct.

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

25 MR. STRAUB: That's correct. Only the money for the ORAP

1 fines --

2 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

3 MR. STRAUB: -- if we did -- will -- will stay here and
4 support this program.

5 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, if
7 you do have any more questions regarding the A
8 account, if you could provide it to the Chair, and
9 we'll forward it to the Department for response.

10 We're going to the B account, Operations
11 budget. Member Victorino, questions?

12 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, Mr. Chair. At this time,
13 I'll yield. And I think a lot of the questions have
14 been answered; but if there's any other thing that
15 comes up between now and the end of the table, I
16 will come back to you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member -- Member Molina?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, just a quick question on --
19 with regards to the cell phone expenses. This, I
20 presume, it's in anticipation if you do get these
21 additional positions?

22 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. We added, for the park
23 officers, a listing of items that they will need
24 as -- with their expansion, the uniform, the cell
25 phones, the laptop computers, as well as four

1 additional vehicles.

2 So we looked at the overall needs, and you'll
3 notice, too, in the B account, there is additional
4 moneys for training and travel for training, so we
5 tried to look and see if we get these positions,
6 they got to be equipped.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right. Thank you. Thank you,
8 Chair.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to
11 ask. I'm not sure if this is for the B account, but
12 operations in Hana, are we talking about just your
13 Administration B account?

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, just the Administration side.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh. Okay, no questions at this
16 time.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Johnson?

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I never question when it goes down.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

20 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I -- I want to compliment
23 you on keeping this very lean. You know, when you
24 want expansion in other areas to grow your
25 Department, it's gratifying to see that you're

1 keeping your operation costs lean and not expanding
2 in that area, too, where it isn't absolutely
3 necessary.

4 But I do have a couple of questions for
5 clarification. On 12-6 under Workline Program, you
6 have miscellaneous other costs at 130,000. Could
7 you just give me a brief explanation of that? Does
8 that have to do with Ka Lima O Maui or what?

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That would be at the bottom of
11 12-6.

12 MS. HORCAJO: Oh, the Workline Program. Those costs are to
13 provide for the supervisors of -- at the MCCC and
14 the, quote, grant type of a -- it's not -- I don't
15 want to use the wrong word here. Miscellaneous
16 other costs are for this County grant subsidy
17 request.

18 It's -- it's in a different category, it's not
19 like in a grant. It's an agreement with MCCC to
20 provide for their supervisors to supervise the
21 Workline when they're in the field.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. And -- and how much do you
23 utilize that, a lot?

24 MS. HORCAJO: We would like to utilize it even more. We
25 do. Currently, there are three lines. The MCCC is

1 having difficulty right now with their clerical work
2 as well because -- that's all part of this \$130,000
3 in order to have them go out and the purchase
4 orders, etc., that are required in order for these
5 crews to maintain.

6 They do, do work that is not normally
7 scheduled by our Park Caretaker staff. But if there
8 is a large area to clear or the post and rail, for
9 example, at Papalaua, post and rail at Kam III,
10 they're the ones that do that kind of work. It's a
11 specific project. It's not ongoing maintenance.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thanks. And then on 12-7,
13 under Lahaina Restoration Foundation Services, you
14 have 120,000 R&M.

15 MS. HORCAJO: That's our Repair and Maintenance. Again, I
16 don't know if I'm using the word grant
17 appropriately. I think it's changed a little bit
18 now, but that is for the Banyan Tree and the
19 courthouse.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so will any of this money go
21 towards some of the repairs we heard about the other
22 day? No. No?

23 MS. HORCAJO: No.

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And you haven't got that in your
25 budget this year?

1 MS. HORCAJO: No, we don't.

2 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Do you know how much it might be?

3 Jo Anne says 125. Okay, so this is your normal

4 annual maintenance of the building?

5 MS. HORCAJO: This is the management fee, and they, in

6 turn, supervise the maintenance of that area. We do

7 have an agreement with them of the services that

8 they provide for that courthouse and Banyan Tree

9 area. And they oversee hiring of the services.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So we have an agreement with them

11 to maintain and operate the courthouse and the

12 Banyan Tree area; and -- and for them doing that, we

13 give them \$120,000 a year?

14 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct --

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: To do that?

16 MS. HORCAJO: -- it's a management agreement.

17 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Victorino.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I do have one question that I

22 did -- on the skate park, you know, you still have

23 showing a grant of -- for professional services of

24 112,000. Is that -- because I know we don't do

25 Kalama any more, do we?

1 MS. HORCAJO: No, we don't.

2 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So that is just for the
3 Kahului Park site?

4 MS. HORCAJO: The -- we have asked the Boys and Girls Club
5 to revise their budget.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

7 MS. HORCAJO: To come in for whatever skate parks they had
8 want to do a request for proposal. They revised
9 their request last year.

10 We initially tapped the remainder of this
11 account for the Kalama Skate Park security before we
12 requested the \$103,000 supplemental budget request.

13 So that's where we first did find some money
14 to pay for some services at Kalama Park because the
15 Boys and Girls Club did start by servicing two skate
16 parks and so some of that money was spent at Kalama
17 Park by Boys and Girls Club.

18 This next year, we have asked them to submit
19 their request for proposal. We have put out the
20 specifications. We're in the process of getting
21 that back so we don't exactly know what they're
22 going to come in at yet.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But again, that will be just for
24 Keopuolani Skate Palace?

25 MS. HORCAJO: This particular 112,000 was budgeted for two.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

2 MS. HORCAJO: Was for Kalama and Keopuolani.

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. But this year, whatever

4 comes back will be just for the Keopuolani?

5 MS. HORCAJO: This line item was --

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

7 MS. HORCAJO: -- put in by the Council for both of those

8 parks, so we put out requests for proposal in the

9 paper so we need to see who's going to come in.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, that is for both parks?

11 MS. HORCAJO: That is for both parks.

12 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's for Kalama also?

13 MS. HORCAJO: So it could be -- yes, it is for Kalama also.

14 Boys and Girls Club may or may not. I'm not sure at

15 this point if they're coming in for both.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Or some other party might.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Or some other party, maybe YMCA or maybe

18 another group might come in for -- for funding.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you. Thank you,

20 Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson, you have a

22 final question on the B account?

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: He took care of it. Thank you,

24 Chair.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, sorry, yeah? I thought you

1 were done. Sorry.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, couple quick questions. I

4 was wondering where are you planning to put your

5 request for -- since -- since you're asking for

6 bodies, you're asking for equipment, but you have no

7 budget request for gasoline and automotive or

8 vehicular support, so where is it?

9 MS. HORCAJO: We rely on the Public Works base yard to gas

10 up our vehicles.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That's true, but you would still put it

12 in your request for them to cross-charge departments

13 and put it to your appropriate sub-accounts.

14 Under Park Permit Enforcement, you have

15 nothing for your transportation needs, unless I'm

16 missing it. You got airfare -- well, you don't even

17 have airfare.

18 MS. HORCAJO: To my knowledge, and I've only been here a

19 few months in this particular position, luckily and

20 hopefully Public Works is not watching, we have not

21 been charged for the use of the gas.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You have to be charged if you file a

23 specific vehicle --

24 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. We do --

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- to the accounts.

1 MS. HORCAJO: -- we do clock in our vehicles. I need to
2 get back with you on where that account is. I'm not
3 familiar with that. So it could be that it is built
4 into our budget.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. My question on the -- with
6 Lahaina Restoration, besides this grant, didn't we
7 provide them with a revenue stream? Don't they have
8 some type of revenue stream from -- from the County
9 Parking Lot Program?

10 MS. HORCAJO: Not that I'm aware of.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I know we gave somebody the ability.

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Friends of Moku'ula.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Friends of Moku'ula has the -- the
14 revenue stream from the Parking Program? Okay.
15 Okay.

16 And then I would just say we need to settle
17 this with -- with the foundation that -- that
18 this -- they made comments that they believe we owe
19 them money so we need to have this settled one way
20 or another.

21 And if we don't owe them money, we don't owe
22 them money, but we -- we need to have a
23 determination made so we can put this 6 feet under
24 and get rid of it in one way or another.

25 MS. HORCAJO: I'm sorry, who is -- who's that?

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The Restoration Foundation says they
2 believe we owe them 120, \$125,000 for repairs to the
3 courthouse. Either that, or you know what, I'm
4 happy. You can give the courthouse back to the
5 State because that's who it belongs to.

6 MS. HORCAJO: I'm not aware of that.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Chairman, I'm done in this area.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Member Baisa?

9 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just a quick question. I notice in
10 the Admin budget, I can't find a line item for
11 electricity. Is there a reason?

12 MS. HORCAJO: Under Recreation and Support Services, that
13 division has all the facility charges.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So they pay even for Admin?

15 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. We are housed in a facility
16 that is under the Recreation and Support Services
17 Division. All operating funds come out of that
18 particular Division.

19 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It was confusing because there's
20 water but no electricity.

21 MS. HORCAJO: Where is the water? Can you find it? Is
22 that a small -- it's -- that is just for purchasing
23 water for the staff, 500 -- is that right?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa.

1 MS. HORCAJO: And the volunteers.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, if you do have any more
3 questions regarding Operations activity, if you can
4 forward it to the Chair, and we'll make sure the
5 Department take care of it.

6 So we're going to the C account. Members, I'm
7 aware of the time, and we're going to be running
8 overtime. We do have the Liquor Department that
9 we're supposed to be reviewing this afternoon.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Do we get premium pay for that,
11 Chair?

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And if I can have the Liquor Department
13 to come back later this afternoon? Could you be
14 on-call? Thank you.

15 We go to the C account. Member Victorino,
16 questions?

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was
18 stretching my back a little, sorry.

19 No, I think it's pretty self-explanatory. You
20 got the -- the radio, the pickup trucks. I think
21 these are all necessitated with what your -- your
22 explanations are well received. Thank you,
23 Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Police informed us we are changing

1 locations on the 800 cycle so is this request timely
2 and -- and appropriate, since we're making an
3 adjustment in the -- our whole radio system?

4 MS. HORCAJO: I would hope so, since our lifeguards would
5 also need to be included in that as well. I will
6 double check and make sure.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Molina?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: On -- on your radios, are you
12 including mobile units for the trucks for the Park
13 Rangers or just portable radios?

14 MS. HORCAJO: They will have both the cell phone and the --
15 and the radio, 800 megahertz.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Cell phone and the portable radio?

17 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Johnson?

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and the 1/2 Ton 4X2 Pickup,
21 which district is that for?

22 MS. HORCAJO: There's four.

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, there's four. Oh, I'm sorry.
24 I didn't see. Oh. I was looking at 4X2 instead of
25 4X4. Okay, so there's four. And so that will be

1 for which districts?

2 MS. HORCAJO: Well, we currently have two vehicles. And
3 with the additional four and with people riding
4 together, that -- they will be used to rotate in and
5 will cover all districts.

6 I believe -- I need to check my sheet because
7 I -- I think Molokai is -- is on that list. I'll
8 have Zach check, but we will put them where they're
9 needed and depending on the amount of positions we
10 get funded.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, great. And I'm glad you
12 included the picture of the truck with the rope in
13 your presentation because that is the rope that held
14 on the door. Thank you.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
16 Baisa?

17 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. First question from the
21 Chair. Those vehicles that are being replaced, what
22 happens to them, do we junk 'em, or do we repair
23 'em, go sell 'em?

24 I understand that sometimes we keep those
25 vehicles for uses. If we're going to replace 'em,

1 you know, we should junk it all. Department?

2 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. Our Department is keeping
3 its fleet. We know that we cannot support the
4 repairs required by those depleted vehicles, and
5 trust me, we run them to the ground so then we do
6 have a process by which we empty them, service them,
7 and then go put them out.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, right now, it's
9 noon. The Chair would like to have the
10 Department -- hang on.

11 The Chair recommends that after lunch, 1:30,
12 we take Liquor Control. Once Liquor Control is
13 done, then we'll come back to the Department, Parks
14 and Recreation, and go on until we end.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objection.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. So at this time, the Chair
17 would like -- like -- like to call recess.

18 ...(gavel)...

19 **RECESS: 12:00 p.m.**

20 **RECONVENE: 1:35 p.m.**

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
22 Committee meeting is now reconvened. Thank you,
23 Members, for lunch break. I hope everybody had a
24 good lunch. Thank you, Member Johnson, for that
25 wonderful vegetarian spaghetti.

1 Members, this afternoon, we do have the
2 Department of Liquor; and with us, we do have the
3 Director, Mr. Frank Silva, and also Georgette Tyau
4 of the Department.

5 Mr. Pablo, you have any opening comments,
6 Budget Director?

7 MR. PABLO: Thank you, Chair. The Liquor Control Budget
8 Details are on page 9-1 and then you'll find their
9 Program Budget on Page 11.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair, could we have the Director
11 come up to the mike?

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay.

13 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: He has a mike.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. If it's on...

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, you have a mike?

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, he has a mike.

17 MR. PABLO: Okay, let me try it again.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's not on.

19 MR. PABLO: Okay, you'll find a Program Budget for...

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's not on.

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's not working.

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's not on.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Maybe you can come up next to Frank and
24 just give that brief summary. Oh, watch -- watch
25 the wires.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good thing you get good balance,
2 eh?

3 MR. PABLO: Okay. Can you hear me now? I just wanted to
4 reference the -- the pages for the Liquor Control.
5 They're in your Program Budget on page 11-1, and the
6 Budget Details on pages 9-1.

7 There were no changes or revisions to these
8 pages. They are as is as they were transmitted on
9 March 15th. Thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. At this time, the Chair
11 would like to call on Mr. Silva for opening
12 comments. Mr. Silva?

13 MR. SILVA: Good afternoon, Chair Pontanilla and Members of
14 the Finance and Budget Committee. Yeah, I'm Frank
15 Silva. I'm the Director of Department of Liquor
16 Control. With me is Georgette Tyau. She's the
17 License and -- Senior Licensing Investigator and
18 also our Budget Officer.

19 I'll give you a real quick overview of what
20 the Department is about and -- and then I'll -- I'll
21 just wait for your questions.

22 Department of Liquor Control is charged with
23 protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the
24 general public by regulating the liquor industry in
25 the sales, service, manufacture, and distribution of

1 alcoholic beverages.

2 The liquor industry in Maui County last year
3 sold -- total gross sales was over \$240 million. We
4 collect our budget from the licensees. In other
5 words, we're a semiautonomous department. None of
6 our moneys come out of the General Fund.

7 We collect the basic fees every year that
8 the -- the licenses become renewable. We also
9 charge an additional assessment for -- to make up
10 whatever left of the budget to include our
11 carryover savings.

12 In other words, we have our expected
13 expenditure, we subtract basic fees in June when
14 we -- when they renew their licenses, we subtract
15 our carryover savings, and then we assess them the
16 balance. I'm talking -- when I say them, I'm
17 talking about the licensees, the balance in order to
18 make up our budget.

19 Our budget this year is -- is pretty much as
20 like the rest of the years. It's pretty flat.
21 Basically, if you look at our budget, it's -- if you
22 take away mandatory expenses, in other words step
23 movements, bargain unit expenses, our budget is
24 \$92,874 more than it was last year.

25 This year, some of the things that we're

1 requesting is vehicles, two of which is a
2 replacement and two of which is expanded, TASERS,
3 sound meters, sound meters because we're charged
4 with -- with measuring sound when -- when we have
5 sound complaints in the general public, and our
6 copier lease. Basically, pretty much at what it was
7 last year as far as rent, utilities, and so forth.

8 Basically, that's what our -- that's what
9 we're presenting to you today. And I'll -- I'll
10 stand by for questions.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Silva. Members, I think
12 we can go directly into the A, B, and C accounts.
13 So Mr. Victorino, any questions on the A account,
14 Salaries and Wages?

15 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not at this time, Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Are -- are we discussing the
20 vacant positions as part of this?

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's part of Salaries and Wages.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And so Director, your
23 vacant positions, you have one Clerk and one Liquor
24 Control Officer vacant. Have you filled their
25 positions, or are you in the process of filling

1 those positions?

2 MR. SILVA: Yeah, we -- we're -- it's an ongoing. We've
3 been in the process of trying to fill the Account
4 Clerk's position. That's a hard position to fill.
5 The -- the MQs are pretty high on that position.

6 The Chief Liquor Control Officer position, our
7 chief retired a year ago, and one of our
8 investigators who would be qualified and up for that
9 position was in Iraq.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

11 MR. SILVA: So I -- I didn't announce for that position
12 until he came -- came back, and now we're in the
13 process. We're going to announce and -- and -- and
14 try to fill that position.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And you -- you don't have -- you
16 have any expansion positions --

17 MR. SILVA: None.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- in this budget? None. Okay,
19 thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
21 Johnson?

22 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No questions.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Certainly. On 9-2, there's a
2 Terminal Pay adjustment of \$50,000. Could you
3 explain what that's for, please?

4 MR. SILVA: That's -- that's moneys that is -- is put aside
5 for retirement in case somebody retires on us, then
6 we have the money for vacation pay.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's for their accumulated
8 vacation pay?

9 MR. SILVA: Yes.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. And I don't know
11 if this is the appropriate time to ask the question,
12 but it seems like -- I'll just ask it and then if
13 it's not the time, we'll -- I'll defer.

14 You said that after you do your budget and
15 your annual expenditures, that you then assessed the
16 licensees. So basically, their -- their fee is what
17 supports this whole program?

18 MR. SILVA: Exactly.

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so could you tell me how many
20 licensees you have and what their assessment is?

21 MR. SILVA: We have 423 licensees. The assessment this
22 year is the lowest I think it's ever been. It's
23 .04 percent, .0 -- .45 percent. It's 4. -- 0.45
24 .45.

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Of the overall budget?

1 MR. SILVA: Yes. If you like, I can just briefly explain
2 how that comes about.

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Sure, that would be good.

4 MR. SILVA: We -- when we figure out what -- what we're
5 going to need to run the Department for the -- the
6 following year, then like I said, in -- in June, all
7 of the licenses renew, so hotels pay their 8 --
8 \$1800, the dispensers, on-premise consumption areas
9 pay their \$600, and retailers pay their \$560.

10 We take all of that money that's due by June
11 30th, and we subtract it from what our projected
12 budget is, then Finance tells us what our carryover
13 savings is. We -- we also deduct that from the
14 budget.

15 Meanwhile, the licensees report to us what
16 their total gross sales was through the year. We
17 times that by what the remainder is to make up our
18 budget. We come up with a percentage that we're
19 going to assess each licensee based on their total
20 gross sales.

21 So we -- everybody pays something. If -- if
22 you made real low sales this year, then of course
23 your -- your gross sales -- your additional
24 assessment is going to be low. So -- and -- and
25 that's where we get the additional assessment from.

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I see. So could you give me maybe
2 a high and a low of what the assessed amount might
3 be?

4 MR. SILVA: Well, like I said, this year, it's -- it's half
5 of a -- less than half of a percent.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, but I don't understand the
7 percent because --

8 MR. SILVA: Oh, I'm sorry.

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: -- you're saying that you're using
10 the assessed fee based on their gross sales so that
11 it -- like not everyone's going to pay .045 percent.

12 MR. SILVA: Everybody's going to pay .05 percent, but it's
13 going to be based on what their gross sales was.

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So they're paying .045 percent of
15 their gross sales?

16 MR. SILVA: Of their total gross sales, yes. So in other
17 words, a hotel might make \$500,000 this year.
18 They're going to pay a percentage of that, and mom
19 and pop is going to pay a percentage of 200,000.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So can you just, you know, give me
21 an idea? It doesn't have to be exact or anything,
22 just what would a hotel that's grossing a huge
23 amount in gross sales, what would their assessed fee
24 be, and what would a mom and pop's be?

25 MR. SILVA: Okay, let's say -- let me get my account --

1 say -- let's say a hotel had made a million dollars.

2 What would their assessment be on 45 percent?

3 MS. TYAU: Like 45,000, around there. Your mom and pops,
4 you can some things -- someone paying, like, \$37 in
5 gross liquor sales. The percentage came about
6 because it's fair. Everybody's paying the same
7 percentage of what they've earned on the previous
8 Fiscal year so it's moneys -- it's based on moneys
9 they've already earned, whether or not they're doing
10 good in the year that they're billed in.

11 This year, it's .45, which is 45 cents to
12 every hundred dollars that they've made. The
13 highest was in Fiscal Year '05, which was \$1.03, so
14 it varies depending on what gross sales people
15 reported, what is our carryover savings. Basic fees
16 pretty much stay the same, around 200-something
17 thousand, but the other factors is what varies the
18 percentage from going up or down.

19 So on average, I mean, it's been around maybe
20 in the 80 -- 80 cents for every hundred dollars that
21 they've made. So that is the cost of their liquor
22 license.

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And then, of course, if there's
24 new liquor licensed folks that come on board, that
25 helps spread the cost, too?

1 MS. TYAU: Well, every year -- well, the percentage is
2 derived each year. In September, we get a new
3 percentage fee that's going to carry you from
4 September to the next August.

5 Throughout the year when people close out,
6 they pay a percentage on their gross sales, so that
7 is revenues we collect throughout the year if they
8 close out; but basically, we collect it once a year
9 at this -- you know, at the end of the fiscal year,
10 they'll report for the whole year so we're
11 collecting it in bulk.

12 But, of course, we're going to collect
13 throughout the year so those are things that's going
14 to reduce because it comes in as a revenue
15 throughout the year.

16 But as far as the assessment portion, it's
17 just based on everybody who renews because that's
18 your permanent.

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: When you say collect throughout
20 the year, do you mean fines?

21 MS. TYAU: No, on the percentage fee. I mean, as people
22 get licenses, they pay license fees.

23 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, I see.

24 MS. TYAU: And as they close out throughout the year, they
25 need to take care of their gross liquor sales

1 assessment, which is the percentage fee at that
2 time. Otherwise, if you're still going to renew,
3 then we just do it once in July.

4 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks for that
5 explanation.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members,
7 any more questions for A account? If not, we go to
8 the B account, which is the Operating Details.

9 Member Victorino, questions?

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, like -- like you mentioned,
11 your accounts is basically level, and I don't see
12 any major changes, and so long as you're comfortable
13 with it, I'm comfortable with it. Thank you.

14 MR. SILVA: Thank you.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama, I know you
16 just got here. Welcome. We're on the B account.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, Chairman, I -- I -- I'm quite
18 satisfied with this -- this Department's operations.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. Good
21 afternoon, Mr. Silva.

22 MR. SILVA: Good afternoon.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just one question regarding the
24 training fees. And I guess in the summary, you
25 mentioned you're going to have one Liquor Control

1 Officer go up to, I guess, Northwestern University
2 for training.

3 What is the -- what will the Liquor Officer in
4 terms of knowledge and skills pick up upon the
5 completion of this course?

6 MR. SILVA: It's -- basically, it's an advanced course in
7 investigations. It's kind of like the police going
8 to the FBI academy.

9 Our investigations are pretty in-depth.
10 It's -- the more that the -- and I failed to mention
11 also that with the Department, we have an
12 Adjudication Board, nine-member Adjudication Board.

13 They're the judge and the jury. We -- we
14 submit our complaints to the Adjudication Board that
15 we have against licensees. And it -- it used to be
16 where we send a complaint, then the licensee shows
17 up and tells his side of the story, and then the
18 Adjudication Board makes their decision. Well,
19 everybody has an attorney now.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. SILVA: So the -- the requirements are more strict.

22 And although our burden of proof is -- proof is
23 preponderance of the evidence, we still have to tip
24 the scale in order to succeed and -- and get in a
25 conviction.

1 So we try to -- we have investigator workshops
2 for the field staff --

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. SILVA: -- on -- on different islands everybody hosts
5 each year. So this is more upscale, and we do
6 special investigations, fatalities, we -- we
7 investigate all DUIs, and -- so that's -- that's
8 what it's for.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, good.

10 MR. SILVA: And -- and this investigator comes back and
11 spreads his knowledge throughout with the
12 other investigators.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Train -- train the other --

14 MR. SILVA: Yeah.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- Liquor Control Officers --

16 MR. SILVA: Right.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- the skills he learned -- or he or
18 she learned, yeah. Okay, thank you. Thank you,
19 Chairman.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
21 Medeiros?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Director, I notice
23 you don't have anything for electricity. Are you on
24 solar, or...

25 MR. SILVA: Candles.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Candles.

2 MR. SILVA: No. Our rent covers -- we -- we -- our office
3 is at the HGEA Building.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay, so...

5 MR. SILVA: And so our rent covers...

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Includes that?

7 MR. SILVA: Yes. Well, we have electricity. We pay for
8 electricity in our Lahaina office.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see.

10 MR. SILVA: And that's --

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's a different account?

12 MR. SILVA: \$150 a month that we pay to Housing and Human
13 Concerns.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. My other question was do
15 you do monitoring and investigations in the East
16 Maui area, Hana? Do you send liquor inspectors
17 there?

18 MR. SILVA: Yes.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And is it, like, just during the
20 day, or does it involve going there during the night
21 when restaurants are open and bars are open?

22 MR. SILVA: Not necessary -- we -- we -- normally, we try
23 to get to Hana at least once a quarter, but -- and
24 that is if there's nothing going on in Hana.
25 If there's a DUI in Hana, if there's an arrest

1 for any type of alcohol-related issue, then we'll
2 send somebody in to Hana to interview the people
3 involved. But other than that, no.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And so when you say you
5 folks investigate DUI, only if the DUI is connected
6 to a licensee?

7 MR. SILVA: Yeah. Well, we investigate all DUIs, and --
8 and that's how we -- we -- we know whether or not
9 it -- you know, it involves the licensee.

10 We get a police report -- we get police
11 reports every morning, and it tells us what -- our
12 investigators at night check with the Police
13 Department once every hour.

14 If there's an arrest, they'll go -- they'll go
15 directly to the police station, to the cell block
16 and interview the person that's arrested.

17 Sometimes an arrest is made after our people
18 are off shift. Well, we'll get the report the next
19 day and then we'll follow up on that -- on that
20 police report to find out where they were drinking
21 the night before.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So both the police and your
23 Department are -- investigates DUIs?

24 MR. SILVA: Yeah, for different reasons.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Different reasons?

1 MR. SILVA: Yeah. We -- we investigate 'em to -- to get at
2 the licensees if they're -- if they've overserved,
3 yes.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Director. Thank you,
5 Chair.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
7 Johnson?

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And -- and this, I guess, covers --
9 it could cover the whole budget that you have for A,
10 B, and C.

11 We received several, I guess, complaints when
12 we first enacted our nonsmoking ordinance about it's
13 going to hurt business, it's going to plummet our
14 liquor sales, it's going to really impact us
15 negatively.

16 Because you have total, you know, oversight
17 and you kind of know what the trend is, are -- is
18 the liquor consumption or are the fees that you
19 collect which you use to operate your program, are
20 they going up, or are they going down?

21 MR. SILVA: Well, the -- I can't tell you about this year
22 because we haven't collected yet. We -- we normally
23 don't collect till around October. So -- but I can
24 tell you that the gross sales, the total gross sales
25 hasn't gone down. It's -- it's gone up every year.

1 So if -- if -- if it's -- if it's affecting
2 their business, I -- I'm -- we don't see it.

3 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And -- and that's where I
4 think that any opportunity we have to debunk the
5 myth that it's going to hurt business, I think that
6 it's -- it's very good.

7 And I thank you for your educational programs,
8 too, because I know that a lot of the youth now,
9 they're a little bit more careful about how they
10 conduct themselves and certainly the vendors and
11 even the grocery stores, too, in your sting
12 operations. It's working, so I thank you.

13 MR. SILVA: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
15 Baisa?

16 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon,
17 Mr. Silva.

18 MR. SILVA: Good afternoon.

19 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It seems like you have the adult bars
20 and the people who serve liquor pretty much under
21 control. My concern is more for the minors that are
22 accessing alcohol, and I'm wondering if you see any
23 more of that or anything that's happening in that
24 area. It appears that there's a lot of teenage
25 drinking going on.

1 MR. SILVA: There's -- well, I can tell you from -- from
2 our perspective. When we first started doing
3 stings, the first sting operations that we did, and
4 we did 'em through all of the retail on Maui, we had
5 something like almost 40 percent noncompliance.
6 Almost 40 percent was selling to -- to minors.

7 Right now, it's at 8 percent. I'm not telling
8 you that the minors are -- are curtailing their
9 drinking. I'm just saying that they're not getting
10 'em from the -- the majority of the -- of the
11 stores.

12 People are buying it for 'em, they're getting
13 it from home, and -- and those kind of things. But
14 on a national trend, 11 percent of all liquor sold
15 is sold to minors. So you figure that on Maui,
16 \$240 million of liquor sold, 11 percent of that was
17 probably sold to minors. None of it on Maui County,
18 but most of 'em on Kauai and -- no, I'm -- I'm just
19 kidding. Everybody has their fair share of...

20 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Terrific. Well, you've answered my
21 follow -- my follow-up question was if they're not
22 getting it from the store, where are they getting
23 it.

24 MR. SILVA: Yes. And -- and we do stakeouts. We -- we
25 hang out by the -- the Safeway parking lots and

1 Foodland in our tank tops and slippers and -- and
2 our unmarked vehicles, and -- and we've actually
3 arrested people that were buying for minors.

4 And these are not only -- normally, the
5 targets are they'll go to the homeless people and
6 tell 'em, you know, you buy me a 12-pack, I'll buy
7 you one and so they give 'em enough money for two
8 12-packs. But not so much any more.

9 But some of the people we've caught were
10 actual married guys with families of their own.

11 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member
13 Anderson?

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Are we on Operations still, Chair?

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, we are.

16 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So just a follow-up on that. What
17 is the fine if you catch somebody buying liquor for
18 a minor?

19 MR. SILVA: That, we process them through the Prosecutor's
20 Office, and they go through court so we don't -- we
21 don't know. We only -- we only prosecute in the
22 Liquor Department licensees and those that are
23 responsible for liquor licenses.

24 But anytime we make an arrest for other than
25 like for buying for minors, they go through the --

1 the prosecutors and the court system.

2 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And what's the fine for a licensee
3 to sell to a minor?

4 MR. SILVA: Maui has mandatory penalties. Maui's is the
5 only -- only County that has what they call the
6 death sentence. And it's -- first offense is a
7 thousand dollars fine minimum; second offense,
8 2,000; third offense, at least 15 days suspension;
9 fourth offense is automatic revocation of their
10 liquor license. And that's not only selling to
11 minors. That's also overservice for within a
12 five-year period.

13 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And that's the death sentence?

14 MR. SILVA: That's the death sentence.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And -- and we're the only county
16 that does that?

17 MR. SILVA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Excellent. Thank you.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member
20 Victorino, you got any more questions on the
21 Details?

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama? Molina? Member
24 Medeiros, Johnson, Baisa? Thank you. Oh, Member
25 Hokama.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. My apologies for
2 not asking this earlier. My understanding,
3 Mr. Silva, is that when a cruise ship enters Maui
4 waters, so I'm not -- you know, I -- I'm going to
5 ask you to explain if it's not true.

6 But let's say any cruise ship that anchors off
7 Lahaina or docks at Kahului, if they, let's say,
8 stay overnight, they dispense meals, and they serve
9 drinks, my understanding is they're required to have
10 a Maui County liquor license?

11 MR. SILVA: Yes.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So what I'm -- what I'm curious
13 is what do they buy, a monthly license, a daily
14 license, an annual license?

15 MR. SILVA: They can -- they can purchase annual license,
16 or they can go monthly or daily. When they know
17 that they -- if they -- they're going to be on --
18 normally, they'll send us an agenda, an itinerary
19 telling us we're going to be in -- on Maui, either
20 Kahului or Lahaina Roadstead for certain amount of
21 days, and they'll apply for liquor licenses for
22 those days.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Just so -- so that we -- we can
24 have a good understanding, Mr. Silva, what is a
25 daily license versus, let's say, the annual license?

1 MR. SILVA: Daily license for vessel is \$25 a day.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Regardless of size?

3 MR. SILVA: Regardless of size.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So whether they have one passenger or a
5 thousand passengers, they would still pay \$25 a day
6 flat?

7 MR. SILVA: Yes.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And then the annual would be
9 approximately...

10 MR. SILVA: Annual, I'm -- I -- off the top -- what is the
11 annual?

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: \$2,000?

13 MR. SILVA: No, no. I think it's -- I think it's \$1200;
14 but off the top of my head, we don't -- I -- I don't
15 know of anyone that has --

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Annual.

17 MR. SILVA: -- gotten an annual license.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Monthly would be what, a hundred
19 something dollars?

20 MR. SILVA: Well, depending of -- normally, they'll tell us
21 how many days they're going to be in, and -- and
22 normally they don't come in every day --

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mm-hmm.

24 MR. SILVA: -- on a month so we'll charge them by the day.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The visitor activities, let's say, out

1 of Maalaea, Lahaina Harbor, they buy what, monthly
2 passes, those cruise boats and...

3 MR. SILVA: No. Like the whale watchers.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Whale watchers, the sail -- evening
5 sail, cocktail evening sail catamarans...

6 MR. SILVA: Those are tour and cruise vessels, and those
7 are \$600 a year. And they -- they -- they -- they
8 are licensed on an annual basis.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Those fees are set by the
10 Commission?

11 MR. SILVA: By the Commission.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And would they come under the
13 general understanding that we have, whereby at the
14 end of your year, if there is excess, a certain
15 amount is rebated back to the licensees, and is it
16 done by categories, or...

17 MR. SILVA: No.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Would they be like a regular dispensary
19 on low remain or something?

20 MR. SILVA: You know, it used to be that way, then we
21 changed our fee structure.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

23 MR. SILVA: So that there is -- in a sense, we do rebate it
24 back to the licensees by deducting it from our
25 budget.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. SILVA: So we're not assessing the licensees the money
3 that -- you know, that -- that amount of money
4 because we're deducting it --

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

6 MR. SILVA: -- from the...

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, I understand that,
8 Mr. Silva.

9 MR. SILVA: Yeah, okay.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Chairman, let me move on. I
11 don't know how you're going to deal with this one,
12 that's why.

13 The guy on the Superferry comes. He either
14 buys a drink on the ferry, or he drives off the
15 ferry and then gets arrested for a DUI. How you --
16 how you would deal with that?

17 MR. SILVA: Well, just like we deal with the tour cruise
18 vessels. We stake out the harbor every now and
19 then. No one can leave the harbor, or no one can
20 leave the vessel with any drinks.

21 And our people are down there, and they'll --
22 they'll talk to the tourists as they come off and
23 then see how they walk and then see if they're
24 intoxicated; and if they are, they'll cite the
25 vessel.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Cite the vessel?

2 MR. SILVA: Cite the owner of the vessel, whoever the
3 licensee is.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Besides the actual driver or -- or --
5 wait. Or the person cannot even drive yet, right,
6 so he wouldn't -- no, I'm -- I'm just trying to
7 understand what -- what could occur because it's
8 being shoved down our throats so we know it's going
9 to come, so...

10 I'm glad you've thought about this, Mr. Silva,
11 because it's a concern for me so I appreciate your
12 Department preparing for some of the issues down at
13 the harbor. Interesting. Interesting.

14 And again, as -- as we understand it, we don't
15 get any of those fines and citation revenue, right?

16 Does your Department receive anything --

17 MR. SILVA: Yeah.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- from the State? You get 'em all?

19 MR. SILVA: Oh, not from the State. From the licensees, we
20 get 'em all.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. But if -- if it's a citation
22 and -- and let's say it goes through the State
23 judiciary process...

24 MR. SILVA: Oh, no, no.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Whatever the Courts collect, you don't

1 get any portion of that revenue, right?

2 MR. SILVA: No.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Of those fines.

4 MR. SILVA: No.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Penalties.

6 MR. SILVA: No. Whatever's -- whatever's referred to the

7 Prosecutor's Office goes through the Court; and no,

8 we don't -- we don't get any of that.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you so much, Mr. Silva.

10 MR. SILVA: Sure.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just one short one.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. I was looking at your B

16 budget and -- your B account, and I was wondering

17 because you don't have that large a staff, pretty

18 soon most of your Liquor Control Officers become

19 known to the licensees, and I'm wondering do you

20 have a contingent fund to hire other people to do

21 undercover work or -- in your account?

22 MR. SILVA: No.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No. You just use your officers?

24 MR. SILVA: Yes.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Because...

1 MR. SILVA: We had -- can I expound on that a bit?

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Sure.

3 MR. SILVA: We -- we -- we were talking, the -- the four
4 Directors on -- on all the counties, about
5 exchanging, doing an exchange --

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

7 MR. SILVA: -- under an MOU, and we're still talking about
8 that, but it's kind of hard. I -- I can -- I can
9 do -- I can see going to Kauai, and I can see going
10 to the Big Island. Oahu is a little different
11 animal. It's a...

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

13 MR. SILVA: So I would rather keep our people away.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Was there any consideration to use
15 police officers from Vice?

16 MR. SILVA: Well, then you run across a jurisdictional
17 problem. I -- I'm -- I'm not sure whether --
18 probably Corp. Counsel would be able to answer that,
19 but I don't think they would want to.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And all your cars unmarked without
21 County license plates?

22 MR. SILVA: Yes.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Director.

24 Thanks, Chair.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. If there's

1 no more questions on the Operations side, the Chair
2 would like to move to Equipment, the C account.

3 Member Victorino, questions?

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, again, pretty clear cut.

5 The only question I have is on the TASERS, you know
6 -- you know. And I guess it's a sore subject,
7 really, when you think about it but a necessity in
8 today's environment, but do you have much use for
9 'em as far as your people are concerned? I
10 understand the police.

11 MR. SILVA: Yeah. Well, we have problems clearing out the
12 walkways and entrances.

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

14 MR. SILVA: And -- no. No, I -- I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm
15 kidding.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, that's
17 okay. The public's watching, you know, so...

18 MR. SILVA: The TASERS, basically, most of the Liquor
19 Control Departments throughout the country is armed.
20 They carry weapons.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

22 MR. SILVA: Honolulu is in the process now. They're
23 qualifying with the police.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

25 MR. SILVA: Kauai has their -- in their budget, they're

1 already granted the money for -- for guns. I'm not
2 ready for that yet.

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. SILVA: I think that we should -- gradual. I'm looking
5 more as a defensive posture than offensive.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

7 MR. SILVA: So our people are -- it's getting worse out
8 there. Those people -- our investigators are out
9 there solo. They're out there every night.
10 Normally, they're about the only sober ones around,
11 and -- so they get -- it -- they get assaulted on a
12 pretty regular basis.

13 So TASERS, we're -- what I'm doing is I'm
14 trying to accumulate the money for the TASERS. Like
15 I told the Commission --

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. SILVA: -- doesn't mean we're going to buy 'em, but
18 what I want to do is see how the police makes out
19 with the TASERS.

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. SILVA: And after they -- they've been with 'em for a
22 while and if it works and if that's what we need to
23 do, then at least we'll have the money in the budget
24 for the TASERS.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So let me be perfectly honest.

1 If it's for the well-being and protection of your --
2 your officers that are out there, your Liquor
3 Control Officers, I have no qualms with it. I just
4 was curious, and you've answered the question how
5 often or how regular you were having challenges.

6 And unfortunately, there are a lot of people
7 that when they drink, they become obnoxious and
8 sometimes even to violence.

9 MR. SILVA: Exactly.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I understand that and so I
11 just was kind of sorry to see that being part of the
12 budget, although I think it's an important part of
13 it.

14 And if it means protection, safety just like
15 with the police with their body armor and things of
16 that nature, then I would never oppose it, just my
17 question is was it necessitated, and you've answered
18 it yes. So thank you, and I will continue to
19 support that.

20 MR. SILVA: All right, thank you.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. Member
22 Hokama?

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Silva, help us understand this
24 afternoon for the Committee the two additional
25 vehicles request, please.

1 MR. SILVA: The request is for replacement of two vehicles
2 that are way -- way overdue.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I -- I don't have a problem with
4 the replacement, but you also have a replacement for
5 two additional.

6 MR. SILVA: Right.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so...

8 MR. SILVA: Yes. As for our Enforcement Section, I have
9 one trainee that's coming out of the training
10 program now that -- actually, I have two trainees
11 that will be out of the training program that will
12 be needing a vehicle.

13 We need top-notch vehicles. Our people are
14 out there till all hours of the night. And like I
15 mentioned before, they're -- they're by themselves
16 so I want to make sure that they have good
17 transportation or any transportation.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Are they in any type of regular
19 communication with MPD?

20 MR. SILVA: Pardon me?

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Do they have some -- do you have a
22 protocol set up with MPD should one of your -- your
23 officers need additional assistance?

24 MR. SILVA: Yes. Well, like I said, we contact the --
25 the -- the PD once -- once every hour throughout --

1 throughout the evening, and they make it a point to
2 know where the -- the beat cops are all the time.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So let's say, you know, they're
4 at Lower Main or they're on Front Street or
5 whatever, they -- they notify MPD, is that your
6 protocol?

7 MR. SILVA: No, no. We would be -- we would keep up --
8 keep MPD tied up most of the time if we did that.
9 But when we need help, we do it -- we -- they all
10 have cell phones so they dial 911, and -- and help
11 comes pretty fast.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay. And those phones are all
13 dispensed by the Department and paid for by the --
14 the Department's --

15 MR. SILVA: Yes.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- budget?

17 MR. SILVA: Yes.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Do you have one cell phone
19 policy within the Department?

20 MR. SILVA: No. I mean, as far as personal calls?

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: General and the amount -- what type of
22 equipment and the -- you know, monthly charges. I
23 mean, you know, I -- I would hate to see one officer
24 with a \$50-a-month plan and the Department
25 recommends there's somebody with a \$300-a-month plan

1 because --

2 MR. SILVA: No, yeah.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- he wants the, you know, GPS, and he
4 wants this, and he wants that.

5 MS. TYAU: I forget which administration. What they did
6 was they negotiated the cell phones, Purchasing did
7 as a bulk for the whole County, so we're still under
8 that. We didn't negotiate our own so everybody has
9 the -- whatever the County came up with.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I think -- I think the Apana
11 Administration tried to institute --

12 MS. TYAU: They instituted it...

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- a basic, yeah, cell phone program.

14 MS. TYAU: We couldn't negotiate our own, we weren't
15 allowed to, yeah, so it did go through Purchasing,
16 whatever they had negotiated at that time.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But you have no 800 megahertz
18 capabilities --

19 MR. SILVA: No.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- at this time, Mr. Silva? Okay.
21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman.

24 Mr. Director, first of all, I can totally support
25 your need for TASERS, and it's kind of an eye opener

1 when you mentioned how your people get assaulted out
2 there, so...

3 On the issue with the sound level meters, this
4 is basically the -- they just go in there with
5 the -- on a complaint basis, I guess, to just
6 measure the decibels of -- this is -- they don't go
7 into neighborhoods or anything like that, this is
8 just more liquor establishments that they use these
9 meters for?

10 MR. SILVA: Well -- well, basically, that's where we go.
11 We go into the neighborhoods. And when we have a
12 complaint about loud music, the person that
13 complains, that's where we go because we want to
14 measure the sound as it enters that person's home or
15 domicile.

16 And we're -- all of our people are certified
17 by the Sound and Radiation Unit in Oahu, Department
18 of Health, and we -- we're -- we're mandated. We
19 have to go out and -- and measure the sound whenever
20 there's a complaint.

21 And what we'll do is we'll -- if someone calls
22 and complains, we'll -- we'll monitor for 30 days.
23 If -- if there's no violations in a 30-day period,
24 then we'll -- we'll file the complaint.

25 But otherwise, on a first complaint, we'll

1 notify the licensee and tell 'em, you know, we got a
2 complaint, and you're above the -- the decibel that
3 you should be at.

4 And if they take action, fine, we'll write 'em
5 a letter of caution; if not, they come before the
6 Adjudication Board and pay the fine.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So this is just more
8 complaints about a liquor establishment, not -- not
9 so much where if somebody in the neighborhood's
10 throwing a big, wild party and music going on when
11 liquor's being served, you guys don't...

12 MR. SILVA: No, we -- no...

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's the part of police, yeah,
14 would do that type of complaint?

15 MR. SILVA: Yes.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
18 Medeiros?

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Director Silva,
20 yeah, I just wanted to follow up once more. I guess
21 TASERS kind of caught everybody's attention. And
22 this is an expansion. You -- you don't have it in
23 use right now?

24 MR. SILVA: No.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No, okay. And so when you do get

1 approval to purchase these, you'll have a Department
2 policy on the use of the TASERS like the police
3 have?

4 MR. SILVA: Yes.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And you're going to be
6 trained by the Police Department, your officers?

7 MR. SILVA: Probably. What -- what normally we'll do is
8 we -- we -- we have a policy, deadly force policy in
9 effect right now -- well, for -- for guns.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

11 MR. SILVA: And we will -- we will probably institute the
12 same policy that the police has.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

14 MR. SILVA: And the training, we'll try and get trained by
15 the police; if not, then probably the person -- the
16 people that sells us the weapons will be training
17 us.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm. And my final question,
19 Chair, is, you know, I -- I have a son that's a
20 police officer. And when they went through the
21 TASER training, they had to be, you know, shot
22 themselves by the TASER so they know what it feels
23 like so that if they're thinking about using it,
24 they -- they're going to know what that person that
25 they're shooting is feeling. Is that going to be

1 the same for your officers?

2 MR. SILVA: Yes. Our -- our officers just went through a
3 program, and it's a very intense hand-to-hand
4 defensive program.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. SILVA: In fact, one of our investigators are certified
7 in that. And in that, our -- our investigators
8 carry pepper spray and handcuffs.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

10 MR. SILVA: And they each had to be sprayed. And we got
11 some investigators, they're about -- got some age on
12 'em like -- like I do, so it's going to be -- yeah,
13 I -- I'm pretty sure that if that's what the program
14 calls for, that they'll get -- they'll get tased.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right, right. And -- and the only
16 reason I say that you have a policy and the training
17 is that the use of TASERS have some concerns, you
18 know, with people that have electronic things on
19 them, you know, for the hearts and stuff that they
20 may have an effect, so I'm glad that you have that
21 in place. Thank you, Director. Thanks, Chair.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
23 Johnson?

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

1 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Director Silva,
4 do your officers, are they armed right now with
5 guns?

6 MR. SILVA: No.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so this will be the first time
8 they have any kind -- well, besides pepper spray?

9 MR. SILVA: Yeah. Well, our officers, majority of 'em are
10 ex-police. The minimum requirements for coming
11 under Department of Liquor Control is to have some
12 law background or investigative background.

13 So most of the -- the officers, most of our
14 investigators have been in law enforcement.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So I'm just curious. I like the
16 term Non-Lethal Defense System, which implies that
17 no one's going to get killed from these TASERS.

18 Why -- you know, the police is asking for
19 replacement TASERS, and -- and their -- theirs are a
20 thousand dollars each. Yours are 1320. I'm just
21 curious. Do they have to be, like, smaller so they
22 can keep them concealed, or...

23 MR. SILVA: I'm not sure. The -- this is the -- what we
24 requested was brochures from the manufactures for --
25 for TASERS, and those were the ones that looked the

1 best to us.

2 And our Enforcement Chief has been talking
3 with the police, so I -- I don't know whether or not
4 that is -- whether it's smaller or -- or bigger or
5 whatever.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But -- but it would be required
7 that they have them concealed, right?

8 MR. SILVA: Yes.

9 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Okay, thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. That leads
11 into my question regarding the vehicles. You know,
12 we've been seeing, like, average 20, \$25,000. You
13 got cheap vehicles over here for \$18,000.

14 As far as the estimate for that, where --
15 where -- where'd you get that estimate?

16 MR. SILVA: Well, the -- the cost of the vehicles come from
17 -- yeah, from the base yard.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: From the base yard?

19 MR. SILVA: Yeah.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you.

21 MS. TYAU: We were just told we could go with the same, but
22 would be the average on whatever...

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Maui cruisers?

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any more questions on the C

1 account? If not, I just want to thank the
2 Department for being here this afternoon and for
3 doing a wonderful job here in Maui County. You
4 know, my mahalos goes to all the people in the
5 Liquor Department.

6 MR. SILVA: Thank you very much.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So Mr. Silva, Ms. Tyau, thank you very
8 much.

9 MS. TYAU: Thank you.

10 MR. SILVA: Thank you.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, we're going to take a short
12 break. ...(gavel)...

13 **RECESS: 2:20 p.m.**

14 **RECONVENE: 2:23 p.m.**

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
16 Committee meeting is reconvened. Thank you,
17 Members.

18 Again, we do have the Parks Department with
19 us; and when we left off, we just completed the
20 Administration area. We still got six more areas to
21 cover so Members, the Chair would like to move so
22 that we can complete the Parks hopefully by 3:30,
23 4 o'clock time frame.

24 So Members, we're into the Aquatics Program.
25 So we'll take the A account, Salaries and Wages, in

1 the Aquatics Program. Mr. Victorino?

2 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I -- I
3 think we've discussed this so many times that -- the
4 shortages, and -- and -- and there's many, many
5 suggestions being made to you folks, but I do -- I'm
6 interested in this Pool Managers.

7 You know, you have five requested expansion
8 positions for Pool Managers, and I read a little bit
9 about it, but maybe you can explain more in depth
10 what a Pool Manager will be doing, what their
11 specific responsibilities and duties are.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

13 MS. HORCAJO: I'd like to introduce Marian Feenstra, our
14 Aquatics Chief who can speak specifically to that.

15 MS. FEENSTRA: Good afternoon, Chairman and Council
16 Members. As far as the Pool Managers, they would
17 actually direct everything that goes on at the pool
18 from having a budget for that specific pool,
19 watching the utility charges of that specific pool,
20 the chemicals, the chemical usage, if there's a
21 water leak, you know, knowing where it is, be
22 responsible for bringing in maintenance personnel to
23 repair the pumps.

24 Right now, I have one -- one person that goes
25 around to do that and a Senior Pool Guard that --

1 Guard that is responsible for it; but at an SR-13,
2 how much can you ask them, really, to do and -- and
3 expect them to do.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So I would assume when you say
5 five, that some of these Pool Managers would be in
6 charge of multiple sites because there's more than
7 five pools on -- in the entire County of Maui.

8 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah. The way we divided it up was we
9 looked at Kahului, Wailuku because they have one
10 50-meter facility and then they have four smaller
11 facilities that are, you know, disconnected from
12 each other.

13 Lahaina has actually two swimming pools at
14 that site, Upcountry has three swimming pools, Kihei
15 has three swimming pools, and then Molokai, because
16 of their location, it's one small pool, but they're
17 isolated.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm, okay. And then as far
19 as, you know, the -- I guess we go down under the
20 expansion, and there's no question in my mind we
21 need to expand Ocean Safety Officers, but I see more
22 Ocean Safety Officers I. I know that's the entry
23 level.

24 Are there any thoughts of, maybe, getting more
25 so that we can push up and -- because we're so short

1 of Ocean Safety Officers at this time.

2 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah. If you look at the chart that --

3 the -- the manpower analysis?

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. FEENSTRA: That chart on page 12 -- actually, that's

6 the pool one. I'm sorry, page 15. If you look at

7 the efficiency needs, in order for us to just meet

8 the efficiency needs of the towers we have

9 currently, we need a total of 45 OSOs, and we have

10 39. So the six would get us up to our minimum

11 efficiency need.

12 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So if someone's sick, hurt, out

13 on vacation, you're -- you know, you'd be really in

14 a world of hurt?

15 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, actually, I kind of -- I figured that

16 into it --

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

18 MS. FEENSTRA: -- by the individual OSO hours.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

20 MS. FEENSTRA: So I looked at 21 days of vacation, 21 sick,

21 the average comp time used was about 13, you know,

22 some use more, some don't, but it is a high-risk job

23 so we do have quite a bit of workers' comp because

24 if they go out on an injury, it's usually a major --

25 like a break.

1 We've had a lot of knee -- knee problems and
2 knee injuries, and it's because of the terrain that
3 they have to run over. You know, the sand has
4 pockets that they don't see.

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right. Okay. Okay, thank you.

6 I have a few more questions, but I'll yield to my
7 other colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: When was this reallocation done for --
10 from a Clerk Typist III to a Program Services
11 Assistant?

12 MS. FEENSTRA: Is it in the -- it's in the current budget
13 as a Programs Analysis.

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Could we get a reference page,
15 Chair?

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: I'm looking at --

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: 12-10.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- page 12-10, Members.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So again, for the Committee's
20 understanding, when did you reallocate?

21 MS. FEENSTRA: That has not occurred yet.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: If that hasn't occurred, then you still
23 have a Clerk Typist III in that line, and why
24 wouldn't you then be asking for an expansion
25 position for Program Services Assistant?

1 Because our -- our -- our understanding is
2 you've reallocated this Clerk Typist III to the
3 Program Services Assistant and then you -- here you
4 are back asking for another Clerk III.

5 MS. FEENSTRA: Actually, if you -- if you look at our
6 Operations, we have about a hundred personnel, and I
7 currently have one secretary and a Clerk Typist III
8 that has not been changed over to the Program
9 Services Assistant position, but we're short in that
10 area.

11 If you compare -- I've compared our -- our
12 situation to Wastewater where they service about the
13 same amount of personnel, and their clerical support
14 system is -- they have at least five clerks and a
15 secretary, whereas I have one secretary and one
16 clerk, which makes it very difficult.

17 So it's -- so the need is still there. I have
18 40 persons in -- you know, about 42 individuals in
19 Ocean Safety.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. FEENSTRA: I have another program that has, you know,
22 45, and I have one secretary and one clerk to
23 service all those -- those folks, so it's just not
24 enough clerical support to do the job that we need
25 to do.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I -- I'm not arguing that,
2 Ms. Feenstra. My issue is one -- you know, my issue
3 is one, my level of confidence has gone down the
4 toilet with this Department, okay, and so I'm trying
5 to understand why it wouldn't just be an up front,
6 straight request for a PSA, Program Service
7 Assistant, instead of doing this reallocation to
8 what you already have and then come back and ask us
9 for the very same thing?

10 MS. HORCAJO: May I address that? The Program Service
11 Assistant is a reallocation of existing staff, if
12 you notice, for the PR number. That particular
13 classification of Program Service Assistant requires
14 Countywide clerical support for one program.

15 We have just -- the Program Service Assistant
16 was also a reallocation that we just did for the
17 PALS Program. That's an example because the PALS
18 Program services Countywide support.

19 This is for an existing staff member to get a
20 little bit more pay for all of the work that she's
21 doing. The request for an expansion position of a
22 Clerk Typist III then would be a new position at a
23 lower SR level.

24 This is an -- the Program Services Assistant
25 which was a reallocation for existing staff to a 12

1 is to give that staff member a promotion, versus
2 requesting a new position which comes in at the
3 SR-10 level.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So this wasn't even posted for a
5 vacancy, this was just a promotion granted
6 internally?

7 MS. HORCAJO: It was a reallocation of existing staff based
8 on the duties that they are currently providing.
9 It's...

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Let me get to this other area,
11 then. This half-time status from 15 to 20 hours or
12 19 hours max, I -- I'm going to tell you, I have an
13 issue. For one hour more, you're going to give them
14 all the benefits. So why wouldn't you -- have you
15 thought about, then, combining and asking for
16 conversion to full-time positions?

17 MS. HORCAJO: We have, and it's -- we have been informed
18 that in order to change part-time positions to
19 full-time, it takes three part-time positions in
20 order to convert that to a full-time position.

21 If we would like to change a half-time -- our
22 half-time staff to full-time, it only takes two. So
23 in some cases...

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Who told you that?

25 MS. HORCAJO: That's how we've been operating in our

1 Department.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I think you need to allow us to make
3 that decision.

4 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you. I'll -- I'll check on that.

5 That's the practice that we've been following.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: If we did move it to full-time, do you
7 think you would be able to fill those new -- new
8 slots?

9 MS. HORCAJO: For the lifeguard and our other positions?

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, for your oceans -- I guess that
11 would be the...

12 MS. HORCAJO: Pool Guards.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Pool Guards.

14 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is -- is that where you got your
16 difficulty right now in -- in filling, Director?

17 MS. HORCAJO: We -- we are looking at -- at using this as
18 the incentive. I think that we have discussed this
19 previously. We're hoping that this will be an
20 incentive to bring people in.

21 The difference in the package, currently, they
22 do get sick leave and vacation time as a part-timer,
23 but they don't get the additional health coverage
24 benefit.

25 Many of our people who come in, you know, they

1 really need that. Some of them are students, some
2 of them are, you know, mothers, and they're
3 available on the evenings and the weekends when we
4 need their service, and that health benefit kicks
5 them over the line, and that's what brings them in
6 for employment.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I will share with you our liability for
8 those health funds so you can appreciate our
9 situation. I'm done at this time, Chairman.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. If I
12 could get a clarification in our Program budget on
13 page 14-6 under number of lifeguard hours at
14 beaches, you folks have a projection of 100,000
15 hours versus FY '07 was 160,000 hours, so basically
16 60,000 less hours projected for lifeguards at the
17 beaches, and then you've -- you're making a request
18 for six additional Ocean Safety Officers. Can you
19 help clarify that for me?

20 Because I -- I would think with the additional
21 six Ocean Safety Officers, the hours would be at
22 least the same as the FY '07 projections. Can you
23 please clarify?

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

25 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, yeah, let me -- let me try to explain

1 that. I -- and I am assuming you're looking at page
2 14-6?

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: 14-6, yeah, of the Program budget.

4 MS. FEENSTRA: Okay. In Fiscal Year '07, that projection,
5 I'm not sure who put those numbers in, but the last
6 meeting we were at you mentioned this so I went back
7 to my office and tried to figure that out.

8 They are just projections, and I was out, you
9 know, of the office at that time for a lengthy
10 period, and I'm not -- I couldn't find out who put
11 them in because usually, the projections would be
12 real close to the actuals of '06.

13 No one came forward and said they put the
14 projections in so I apologize for that. If you look
15 at the '08 projections, those are probably closer to
16 what's existing.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So the '08 projection should
18 have been somewhat closer -- well, '07 projections
19 should be more closer to what '08 is being
20 projected, so...

21 MS. FEENSTRA: Right.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Basically. Okay. All right, thank
23 you. Thank you, Chairman.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
25 Medeiros?

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. In -- in your --
2 your handout on page 12, in your matrix on the right
3 side column, you factored in comp time used, and I
4 was wondering how do you determine what would be the
5 comp time ahead of time?

6 MS. FEENSTRA: I -- I based it on what's happened in the
7 past.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So that's an average?

9 MS. FEENSTRA: That's an average.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And so this is comp time earned
11 from working overtime?

12 MS. FEENSTRA: It's workers' comp.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, workers' comp.

14 MS. FEENSTRA: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, okay.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Compensatory.

16 MS. FEENSTRA: No, no, you're right, comp time used as an
17 average. That's correct.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And that comes from comp time they
19 earn from working overtime?

20 MS. FEENSTRA: Right.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And on page 15 of the same
22 handout, you know, Hana gets three months of beach
23 coverage, and can you tell me what the criteria or
24 what determines when a beach gets full beach guard
25 services? How do you know that?

1 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, actually, those three months came in
2 it was your predecessor. He put in for three months
3 of beach service in Hana for the summer --

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. FEENSTRA: -- to accommodate that, so the manpower that
6 the Council so kindly gave to the Ocean Safety
7 Division was enough to cover the three months.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, okay.

9 MS. FEENSTRA: And a lot of it had to do with the schools
10 being out and the PALS Program. The PALS Program at
11 the time actually was at the beach daily.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah, I'm asking -- I mean,
13 I -- I mentioned the Hana one, but in any beach such
14 as we heard about Launiupoko needing beach guard
15 services. So my question is, what is the criteria
16 that determines when a beach receives that services?

17 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, right now, the criteria would be
18 having the available manpower and so it would be
19 expansion. I'm not asking for expansion this year.
20 I'm just asking for us to play catch-up to what we
21 are already servicing.

22 However, I do have -- I do have all those
23 numbers for expansion. Each year we've put in for
24 expansion at Makena, and it's based on the use and
25 the type of community, the type of beach it is,

1 if -- if it's dangerous.

2 Traditionally, we've always put our beach
3 towers at County beach park locations. We haven't
4 looked into, let's say, Kaanapali because that's all
5 State-owned beach.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Launiupoko is County?

7 MS. FEENSTRA: Launiupoko is County, and we have requested
8 that that beach be serviced many, many years.
9 However, you know, first we got to -- first we got
10 to take care of what we have before we can add
11 another beach park.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Because, you know, we heard
13 testimony from your own personnel that should know
14 best, you know, when a beach really is requiring
15 those services, and I was just wondering.

16 And you gave some criteria, but I'm wondering
17 is there somebody out there that is recording that
18 statistics, or is it just arbitrarily you say well,
19 this looks like a busy beach, we should have some
20 beach guards?

21 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, it's -- it's a busy beach; and the way
22 that Ocean Safety can judge what kind of manpower we
23 could use there would be by the number of times we
24 have to respond there with our jet ski service.

25 So, you know, that would be one criteria to

1 where the guards are aware of that. The other --
2 the other criteria is if you drive by there and you
3 see the usage there.

4 I mean, that's busting at the seams. There's
5 party bouncers and, you know, shop parties, birthday
6 parties. I mean, it's a -- it's a -- it's the only
7 beach with a bathroom from Lahaina to Maalaea, you
8 know, with -- with a traditional bathroom service,
9 so it's definitely an ideal location for lifeguard
10 services.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So do you do a projection
12 so that you can plan ahead for these beach parks?

13 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, I could -- I could give you that if
14 you folks were interested. There would be -- you
15 know, I have, the last five years or six years,
16 provided a budget for Makena Beach to the State.

17 Last year was the first year that it was
18 considered, but they only wanted to support half of
19 the funding and the County support the other half.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I'm just asking about --

21 MS. FEENSTRA: So...

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- County beaches, not -- not
23 State.

24 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah, County beaches. But no, I have also
25 put in for funding for additional beach parks.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

2 MS. HORCAJO: We could get that information.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, I think that's a good tool
4 to have. Okay. Thank you, Department. Thank you,
5 Chair.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Chair has a
7 question, maybe two. In regards to your comp time
8 used, why don't we pay the employees the overtime,
9 rather than accumulating a whole bunch of comp time?

10 And the reason why I ask is that when you
11 accumulate comp time, it takes away the manpower
12 that you have on any given day; as for overtime, you
13 know, you still have that manpower coming in the
14 next day.

15 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, the Union Unit 3 contract, which is
16 what all of my lifeguards are in, they have a
17 choice, they can take comp time or overtime, so I
18 can't tell them they have to do one or the other, or
19 I would be going against that contract.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's -- well, it's new to me.

21 MS. FEENSTRA: And I agree with you.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. Maybe for the Budget Director,
23 I -- I know, you know, we do have an accumulation of
24 comp time throughout the County.

25 You know, I think it would be good for the

1 Members to have, you know, how many days that
2 relates to. And if we could have that, then it
3 would give us a fairly good idea as far as when you
4 talk about manpower requirements, you know, some of
5 the comp time that we're offering our employees, you
6 know, may be a factor in regards to adding more
7 manpower to each of the departments. So if I could
8 get that information.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of information, Mr. Chairman?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama?

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would ask also if they cannot respond
12 at this time, to report back to you. Is there a
13 maximum cap on amount of comp time an employee may
14 earn? And -- and what is the -- the count, the
15 Administration's or the Department's granting of
16 those comp times?

17 Like let's say can they take three -- if they
18 got three months of comp time, can they take
19 three months' leave, those kind -- those kinds of
20 issues.

21 MS. FEENSTRA: There -- there has been a cap put on it, and
22 it was just put on last year for our Department. I
23 think every department sets their own cap.

24 And I can't remember the exact number of
25 hours, but that has -- you know, that definitely

1 does alleviate some of the manpower shortage.

2 Then the problem was there are people that are
3 way above it so you -- in turn, you know, you have
4 to allow them to use their comp time, but it --
5 it's -- I think it's over a hundred hours, but I'm
6 not positive.

7 MS. HORCAJO: We can get back with you on specifically that
8 question.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. In -- in regards to my question
10 to you, Budget Director, if we could have the
11 maximum accumulation on comp time per department. I
12 -- I'm assuming that every department has a
13 different number at this time.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just a point of information
15 because I worked with the Unit 1 contract for many
16 years.

17 What she says is true. They have the choice
18 of taking the overtime pay or taking comp time and
19 then when they accumulate comp time, if they want to
20 take comp time hours off, it's by mutual agreement.

21 The Department has to say okay, it won't
22 affect our operations or our manpower, we'll allow
23 you to take it, but they can't just take it whenever
24 they want, so the Department does have that choice.
25 Thank you, Chair.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. That's the
2 only question that I had at this time. Member
3 Johnson?

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Because, obviously, when you
5 look at your -- you know, the fees or the salaries
6 on page 12-12 for your Pool Guards, it's around
7 28,000 in Fiscal Year '08, and then you look at the
8 Ocean Safety Officers, which in some cases is, you
9 know, around \$50,000, one of the things that we're
10 hearing is that obviously, people don't want to be
11 Pool Guards because they want to be Ocean Safety
12 Officers.

13 So with the requests that you heard today, and
14 we've been getting this where people want the
15 lifeguard towers, they want the Ocean Safety
16 Officers, the people that work at the pools -- of
17 course, you know, the risk is, perhaps, a little bit
18 lower, how -- if we were to include, let's say, a
19 full complement of Ocean Safety Officers or
20 lifeguards, you know, at the tower at Launiupoko,
21 for example, how are you going to be able to recruit
22 for that because -- I mean, is it going to be easy
23 for you to recruit for that, as opposed to getting
24 more lifeguards, and will that actually impact your
25 lifeguard program because now some of those people

1 are want to go -- you know, they're going to want to
2 go to the towers.

3 So can you kind of give me a sense of where
4 you would go if we, let's say, were to assume that
5 we could put in that Launiupoko tower, the
6 lifeguards?

7 MS. FEENSTRA: Let -- I don't have a problem recruiting
8 Ocean Safety Officers. I do, however, have a
9 problem with the domino effect with Pool Guards
10 wanting to go to the beach.

11 Being a lifeguard is kind of a lifestyle for a
12 lot of the lifeguards that we have. They didn't
13 really want to go to the pool in the first place,
14 they just went to the pool to get their foot in the
15 door to move up to be able to go to the beach.

16 So as far as -- as far as finding good
17 applicants for the beach, you know, we've got 'em.
18 What do you do with the pools then? That's the
19 tough part.

20 I have five positions that I received two
21 lists for, three half-time and two full-time. There
22 was a total of three eligibles on that list to fill
23 five positions.

24 And that's why we're looking at the Pool
25 Managers, you know, because that's a way of -- of --

1 of attracting some people or some of the old-timers
2 having an opportunity to move up. I'm looking at a
3 different lifeguard series, looking at -- you know,
4 I heard what's the benefit between a half-time and a
5 full-time.

6 I -- I can't read into the future, but what
7 I'm hoping is that the half-time positions will
8 bring some retired personnel, possibly, back into
9 the workforce that -- that needs that medical
10 benefit but doesn't want to work full-time, you
11 know, but come in and relieve lunches, you know, or
12 come in to do our Learn-to-Swim programming.

13 You know, we -- we have to look at it in a
14 different way because as Councilman Hokama said,
15 we're not filling the positions that we have open,
16 so why aren't we? Well, we have a really low
17 unemployment rate, but what else can we do?

18 Tomorrow, we're going to Baldwin High School
19 to their job fair with applications, and we're
20 hoping -- we're just going to start taking lists and
21 provide classes. You know, if the kids want to do
22 it from 2:30 to 5:30, I'll have somebody there to
23 teach them.

24 But, you know, we have -- our Junior Lifeguard
25 Program has been very successful, a successful tool

1 in that, but a lot of kids go on to college. I
2 don't have a school to draw from so, you know,
3 we're -- we're trying to think of other ways to do
4 it. Suggestions are great, but we have to offer
5 them something.

6 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and -- and, you know, I -- I
7 am completely supportive of having lifeguards and a
8 tower and everything at Launiupoko because for
9 years, we've received that request. It's just been
10 there; and as you've said, it was never Parks turn.

11 I know even to get Hookipa going took a little
12 bit of doing. But for me, I think the unintended
13 consequence at this point is what I'm a little bit
14 concerned about because if you're already weak on
15 your lifeguards and there are people that want to
16 move into those other positions, I don't know, so I
17 guess I'm going to have to defer to you because I
18 personally would like to see that as a program
19 implemented in Aquatics at Launiupoko.

20 But if you tell me that it's going to affect
21 the opening of, let's say, the Lahaina Aquatics
22 Center or other Aquatics programs Countywide in a
23 negative way, then that really concerns me.

24 MS. HORCAJO: If I could just speak real quick to that
25 because we need to staff our existing towers and our

1 existing pools. We would love to open up at
2 Launiupoko. We would -- we would love to be able to
3 service the community and our beachgoers, but we
4 cannot legitimately request that of you until we can
5 staff our existing locations.

6 So if you would like that information for an
7 additional tower, we will gladly provide that.

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. I -- I think, just myself
9 personally, I would like that information,
10 Mr. Chair, but I also think that the community has
11 to understand the challenges that we have and that
12 we're not just competing with the Pool Guards versus
13 our Ocean Safety Officers, we're also competing with
14 construction work and all kinds of other things that
15 we just cannot provide that level of pay.

16 So I do support your offering to those
17 part-time positions of the benefits because that is,
18 in and of itself, an incentive.

19 MS. FEENSTRA: And I guess I just wanted to add that, you
20 know, we're losing Pool Guards not just to the
21 beach. We're losing them to the Police Department.
22 We're losing them to the Fire Department. So to not
23 staff Launiupoko for fear of the Pool Guards leaving
24 I don't think makes sense.

25 I mean, if -- I think Launiupoko should be

1 staffed, and it shouldn't be a one or the other.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mm-hmm.

3 MS. FEENSTRA: Because the Pool Guards that we're bringing
4 in, they don't -- they can't afford to stay at what
5 we're paying them right now.

6 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. FEENSTRA: That's why they're moving out. It's not
8 just to go to the beach.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Well, Mr. Chair, if we could
10 get the information with regard to what staffing
11 would cost and what the tower would cost and, you
12 know, if we can just at least engage in a dialogue
13 about it.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. And the
15 other thing that I'd like to add is with regards to
16 if you do have tower addition plans for the next
17 couple of years or five years that, you know, we can
18 take a look at because I -- I think more and more,
19 you know, just by hearing some of the testimony this
20 morning, we're going to require a lot of 'em that
21 the County oversees or, you know, where we have
22 jurisdiction in -- in Parks.

23 So if the Department has a plan for additional
24 towers, that would be good to have, along with what
25 Member Johnson just requested. Thank you. Member

1 Baisa?

2 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. It appears that
3 this whole personnel discussion centers around, like
4 it has in many of the departments, the recruitment
5 of personnel. We seem to have an issue Countywide.

6 It seems to me like shortly, we're going to
7 have to hire a headhunter for the County because
8 although the salaries may not be competitive, if you
9 look at the benefits, I -- we don't think I do -- I
10 think do a good job of selling what those benefits
11 are.

12 And, you know, having recently had my husband
13 retire from the County, that's when it really gets
14 to you. You know, I have a young son, and he always
15 thinks about his friend who went to Las Vegas and is
16 making lots of money, and I tell him he better stay
17 right here, you work for the County, you have
18 marvelous benefits; and when you get as old as your
19 dad and I, you're going to be very glad that you
20 stayed.

21 So I think we need to do a better job of
22 selling the benefits of being a County employee,
23 which I don't think we do because if you only look
24 at the hourly wage, it's deceiving.

25 And I don't know what your fringe benefit

1 rate, but I know at the company I came from, it was
2 like 36 percent on top of a dollar, and I don't know
3 what it is here. It's probably more. Thank you.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member
5 Anderson?

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Hope you didn't
7 bite your tongue. You know, I -- I partly worked my
8 way through college as a lifeguard and a swim
9 instructor and a swim coach. So why -- who teaches
10 swimming at all our -- all of our pools?

11 MS. FEENSTRA: The lifeguards.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: They do?

13 MS. FEENSTRA: They -- they do it all. They...

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: They have swimming programs?

15 MS. FEENSTRA: Learn-to-Swim, and we do junior guards at
16 the pools.

17 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And -- and when do they do this,
18 summertime only, or do they do it after school
19 hours, or...

20 MS. FEENSTRA: Actually, during school in cooperation with
21 the school. At Kihei, we service swim instruction
22 to Kihei School, to Lokelani. The PE teacher
23 actually comes over from Lokelani daily, and -- and
24 Kamalii also comes. They bus in.

25 Upcountry -- Upcountry pool, we haven't done

1 as many classes, but we do Learn-to-Swim on
2 Saturdays rather than during the week because it's
3 just proven to be a better time for parents because
4 you run into the parents work till 5:00, and our
5 pool closes at 5:00 so the Saturday sessions have
6 proved to be the best for Learn-to-Swim.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, they're already doing that,
8 then. I guess we can't increase their salary for
9 that. And -- and -- and do you get an income stream
10 from that?

11 MS. FEENSTRA: No, they're free classes. We also have
12 community classes where there are instructors that
13 go through the Recreation and Support Services
14 Program, and they provide small group and individual
15 classes throughout the day.

16 So, I mean, there is a fee there, and that
17 person does, in turn, pay the -- pay the County.

18 It's a small, you know...

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Stipend.

20 MS. FEENSTRA: Stipend, but...

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I'm very happy to hear that. Do
22 you have any records of how many young people have
23 been instructed to swim through your program? Was
24 that in the...

25 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah, it -- it's actually in the --

1 MS. HORCAJO: Page 14-6.

2 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Learn-to-Swim participants.

3 Actual in '06 was 1900 and then projected in '07 was

4 500. How come the drop?

5 MS. HORCAJO: In '07, Marian was out for some time. Her

6 son was injured and so it was a catch-up in -- in

7 this particular -- we -- we can't quite track down

8 who did these figures, so we're -- we're apologizing

9 for that, for those figures for the '07 projection.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, I'm thrilled to hear that

11 we've got a program already. I mean, usually --

12 well, I won't get into that.

13 So -- and we're already going to get the cost

14 for a crew at Launiupoko and a stand, what that

15 might cost, and I appreciate that you need to get --

16 you know, you need to get caught up and -- and get

17 lifeguards at all the beach parks that are

18 underserved right now but, you know, what's the cost

19 of a life?

20 MS. FEENSTRA: Agreed. There's no price tag.

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right. And it just seems like,

22 again, it wasn't that many years ago that we took

23 Launiupoko from the State, made it our

24 responsibility.

25 And I know it's always been a highly used

1 park, but I think it's more so now, now that there's
2 that parking lot across the street. So we're
3 inviting people, and I just think we have a
4 responsibility for their welfare while they're
5 there. And if -- we've had a recent drowning. Need
6 I say more. So I'd be happy to see those figures
7 when they come in.

8 My other question is on what occasions do you
9 folks service the surfers at Jaws?

10 MS. FEENSTRA: We actually don't service them, other than
11 to respond to a 911 call, which fortunately DLNR has
12 mandated that all jet ski operators that do tow-in
13 have to go through a tow-in class, which they
14 instruct here on the island, and they have a special
15 sticker for their jet ski.

16 So it's regulated that way so at least you
17 know that you're getting surfers out there that have
18 at least gone through that minimum training
19 requirement before they can go out and practice
20 tow-in surfing because it was getting crowded and
21 very dangerous.

22 We don't go out there unless we're called out.
23 And if there's an event or something, they'll hire
24 private lifeguard services.

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, that's what I wanted to

1 know. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, if
3 you do have any more questions in regards to the A
4 account, Salaries and Wages for the Aquatics area,
5 please turn it in to the Chair, and I'll forward it
6 to the Department for some response.

7 Before we go to the B account, the Chair would
8 like to call a five-minute recess. ...(gavel)...

9 **RECESS: 3:00 p.m.**

10 **RECONVENE: 3:06 p.m.**

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
12 Committee is now back in session. Thank you,
13 Members, for that short break.

14 Okay, we left off completing the Budget
15 Details. At this time, the Chair would like to go
16 to the C account, which is the Equipment account for
17 Aquatics.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: What about the B account, sir?
19 B.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. What about? Oh, you guys still
21 have any questions on the B?

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We never go.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We didn't do B yet.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sorry.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sorry, Mr. Chair. I have

1 questions I know I never ask.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, Chair apologizes. We go to the B
3 account. Member Victorino?

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
5 understand, a long day. Tamara, if you look under
6 page 12-16, Aquatics, Subtitle 1 -- I mean, 915769,
7 under Materials and Supplies go to subcategory 6022.

8 You know, you mentioning about oil, gas,
9 diesel and all that. Well, in 2006 was 16,000,
10 they're projecting this year of 123,500, and next
11 year you guys are -- are asking for an appropriation
12 of \$163,500. Ten-fold from 2006.

13 Understanding gas prices have gone up,
14 understanding you're getting free gas from Public
15 Works -- oh, I mean, excuse me, I mean, you'll find
16 out on that one.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Actually, we are.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Could we -- I was just -- just --
19 sorry. Is it possible that that's where much of
20 your, quote, fuel bill is? Because sizable change
21 from '06 to '07 and jumping even higher in '08.

22 MS. HORCAJO: As I understand it, that expansion is for the
23 propane gas for the pool pumps.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so that's to...

25 MS. HORCAJO: For -- for the heaters.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For the heaters?

2 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm. Right, that is not the other kind of

3 gas. That -- I'm understanding from Public Works

4 each department has an account in Public Works so

5 luckily, it's not in my budget for my regular gas.

6 But for this one, it is for the --

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Propane?

8 MS. HORCAJO: -- pool propane.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay. I just -- okay, so

10 long as there's a justification because I -- I

11 understand we've discussed changing over to that.

12 I had another question, but I'm going to yield

13 to the Chair because the Chair also has the same

14 question, and I would like the -- Mr. Hokama to

15 bring up this question.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama?

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Just quickly.

20 You know, you're tripling your R&M supplies for

21 Aquatics on 12-16, Ms. Feenstra or Director. Can

22 you just share some comment, please, of the --

23 what's happening within this division that you've

24 gone three-fold, please?

25 MS. FEENSTRA: On our -- on page 18 and 19, the Pump and

1 Motor Replacement Program and the Pool Filter
2 Replacement Program, we're asking for 30,000 for the
3 Pump and Motor Replacement Program.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay.

5 MS. FEENSTRA: And then 25,000 for the filters, and that's
6 to keep up with the -- the regular maintenance that
7 needs to be done annually.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that response,
9 Ms. Feenstra. Chairman, you know, correct me --
10 correct me or -- or, you know, my understanding --
11 gosh, this seems like forever, but I know it wasn't
12 too long ago.

13 Didn't we just do a budget amendment of
14 \$300,000, plus or minus, for -- for the pools for
15 the filters and whatnot?

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, we did.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So one, Budget Director, I don't know
18 where you -- you sliding it as an adjustment to the
19 current year's budget but then like as the -- the
20 Department and Division, we gave you this money so
21 I'm trying to understand how it ties in, then, to --
22 to this request, please?

23 MS. FEENSTRA: Okay. The -- that funding was to replace
24 the pool heaters at Kahului Pool and Sakamoto Pool
25 and Upcountry Pool. This B account funding is not

1 for any kind of replacement of heaters. Heaters are
2 a big-ticket item.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mm-hmm.

4 MS. FEENSTRA: I mean, that's a CIP project.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

6 MS. FEENSTRA: This is for the regular routine maintenance,
7 emptying the sand out of the filters regularly
8 because what happens is, is that a crust develops on
9 the top, and it needs to be replaced, it needs to
10 come out, and new sand has to go in. It's to -- our
11 pumps have, you know, a lifetime of --

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

13 MS. FEENSTRA: -- two to five years. Yeah, you never know.
14 Some last longer, some don't. So it's more on the
15 maintenance. It's not to go in and replace a
16 major --

17 MS. HORCAJO: The whole system.

18 MS. FEENSTRA: -- system.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, good. So the pump and motor
20 replacement has nothing to do with the heaters?

21 MS. FEENSTRA: No, it doesn't. Actually, the heaters don't
22 have pumps. Thank goodness. We have enough pumps.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, you know, you're telling us you
24 got a lot, over 30-plus, so we understand that.

25 Okay, so just as -- so -- so this afternoon so we're

1 very clear, the last budget amendment was just for
2 the heaters at various pool sites in -- in the
3 County system?

4 MS. FEENSTRA: Correct.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Heaters only?

6 MS. FEENSTRA: Yes.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that report. I
8 appreciate that. Just help us -- help me
9 understand, your division has uniform allowance like
10 Police and Fire?

11 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So they have an official County
13 uniform?

14 MS. FEENSTRA: Yes, they do. The beach guards have red and
15 yellow, I'm sure you've probably seen them if you've
16 been to the beach.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The red shorts with the white shirts?

18 MS. FEENSTRA: They have yellow shirts with red print, and
19 the shorts are red, and the Pool Guards have red
20 shorts and white shirts with red lettering.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And -- and that's required
22 attire?

23 MS. FEENSTRA: That's required attire.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Of the County people, okay. Understand
25 that part.

1 MS. FEENSTRA: It's for identification.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. And again, Ms. -- Ms. Feenstra,

3 I -- I think you guys going to report back, but
4 again, in this -- your division, you went from
5 \$2,000 to your request of thirty-two five for cell
6 phones, and we're going to look forward to that
7 response unless you want to say anything at this
8 time on that one, or you just want to wait until you
9 send us the written response?

10 MS. FEENSTRA: We'll wait for the written response, that
11 way it's uniform throughout the Department.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chairman, thank you so much.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Just a fast question for the
14 Department regarding the moneys that we allocated to
15 replace the pumps.

16 I -- I know at the meeting when we allocated
17 the moneys, that we were looking at a possible --
18 possible of hiring -- not hiring, but replacing the
19 pumps with -- oh, heaters. I'm sorry, replacing the
20 heaters with one vendor only or one make. Has that
21 been done?

22 MS. FEENSTRA: Actually, the heaters are purchased, and two
23 heaters have gone in to Upcountry, and they are all
24 the same make.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good.

1 MS. FEENSTRA: The models are a little bit different but
2 uniform enough to where, you know, a vendor is
3 familiar with it for maintenance purposes.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you. And who does the
5 maintenance on that, the -- our people or the
6 vendor?

7 MS. FEENSTRA: Pure-All is about the only person that we've
8 been able to get consistent support from.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, good. Good to hear that. Member
10 Molina?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. Just a
12 clarification on the per diem. I note that you
13 had -- it was down in the thousand -- I guess 1600
14 in '06; '07, it dropped down to a thousand, now it's
15 jumped up to 8500.

16 I don't see any increase in terms of like for
17 airfare transportation -- or a very minimal
18 increase. Can -- can you explain that? And also
19 Security Services, there's no moneys appropriated
20 for that because of, you know, the type of chemicals
21 that we have at the pools and other related
22 equipment.

23 Can you explain that portion to why there's
24 no -- no moneys appropriated for the Security
25 Services? If you could differentiate that for me

1 between that and the -- I guess the Alarm Services?

2 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, we currently don't have security
3 services at any of our pools, but we do piggyback
4 with Recreation Division so they, you know, put the
5 pools into their routes when they provide security
6 for that particular division.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

8 MS. FEENSTRA: As far as -- what was the other question?
9 I'm sorry.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: On -- on the per diem, the increase
11 from a thousand to 8500.

12 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah, that's to support the training needs.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh. Okay, thank you. Thank you,
14 Chair.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
16 Medeiros?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Department, I was
18 wondering if you found the magic way of reducing
19 your sewer charges. Did you remeter like you asked
20 for in the other -- because your sewer charges went
21 down from 230,000 to 85,000, and it shows your water
22 also went down.

23 So I know the water and sewer are connected.
24 I was just wondering how you were able to reduce,
25 you know, your usage? Maybe we can use your formula

1 for other departments.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

3 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah. You know, can I get back to you on
4 that? We did have -- we did have several leaks in
5 a -- in a few of the pools, and I'm not sure if --
6 if it was that much or not, but we did have a
7 problem with some leaks, and it was underground, and
8 we didn't realize we had it until we got the water
9 bills.

10 And of course, the water bills didn't come for
11 like -- you know, it wasn't brought to our attention
12 for six months, you know, three cycles.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So you -- you think that may have
14 been the reason why and by fixing that, that reduced
15 the amount of water and consequently, the sewer...

16 MS. FEENSTRA: I don't know if it's the only reason. We
17 do -- we have signs up in our showers, you know,
18 asking people to take shorter showers so there might
19 be a lot of other things, but that is a big
20 reduction.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. And you know when you
22 flush out your pools, I don't know if you do a
23 complete change of water from -- periodically.

24 Do you fill it with water coming in from your
25 meter? Because I -- I would be afraid to imagine

1 what the sewer charge was going be every time you
2 filled up your pool.

3 MS. FEENSTRA: We've been pretty lucky that the -- our
4 major facilities we have not had to turn the water
5 over. Some of our smaller pools we've had to do
6 that; but right now, we've -- we've been having that
7 situation with old Wailuku Pool, you know, because
8 there is a leak in that pool that we noticed because
9 it's not an automatic feed, it's a manual feed.
10 It's a real old pool so we picked up on the leak.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. FEENSTRA: When it's the manual feed, it's a lot harder
13 for us to know if the -- if we have a leak or not.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So are you thinking of separately
15 metering water that goes through irrigation and
16 possibly using your irrigation source to refill
17 pools so it doesn't connect you to a sewer charge?

18 MS. HORCAJO: We haven't -- that specific issue, we should
19 check with our Maintenance Program on that. I need
20 to find out that information.

21 Basically, we were looking at -- at remetering
22 all of our systems, and we were focusing on the
23 irrigation, but we hadn't really discussed about it,
24 the pools, so we will check that out.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Department.

1 Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. So you intend to separate
3 the irrigation water and -- and the sewer?

4 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you. Member Johnson?

6 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Again, this would be on page 14-8.

7 Because we have a lot of State MIL events, the
8 Invitationals and a lot of State championships and
9 other things, these groups when they come in and
10 they utilize the facilities, do the participants pay
11 any kind of a fee, or is it just something that we
12 kokua, you know, when there's a meet?

13 I'm looking specifically at -- because
14 obviously, there's more hours that are expended,
15 there's additional personnel, there's electric, you
16 know, all these other things that add up, and I just
17 was curious to see if there was any contribution,
18 particularly with the Interscholastic League where,
19 you know, these are school-sponsored things if we
20 get reimbursed at all?

21 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah. We do have a fee schedule for
22 visiting swim teams that come during our spring,
23 winter, summer breaks to train. Yeah, that's kind
24 of a tradition in some high schools and the majority
25 of college teams.

1 As far as our -- our major events, we work --
2 we work with the -- the program. They're either
3 County-sponsored or co-sponsored events and kind of
4 similar to the Invitational.

5 I mean, they do a lot of good stuff for the
6 community. You know, they usually provide clinics,
7 swim clinics for the -- for our swim team members
8 here on island and give those types of benefits.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And -- and Mr. Chair, it's
10 going to be the same kind of question that -- when
11 we have things like this.

12 I think when the public is asked to support
13 specific things, the Golf Fund is one thing that,
14 for the most part, supports itself, but then other
15 components, I think it's beneficial to have the
16 public know that we're essentially donating.

17 You know, if it's kokua that we're giving,
18 then I think they need to know what they're
19 subsidizing. So if you do have any costs or
20 benefits that -- at least we would have that
21 information just to have a ballpark idea of what it
22 is that the County residents are supporting.

23 MS. HORCAJO: And we might try and figure out a way to work
24 that into our quarterly and annual report system.

25 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mm-hmm.

1 MS. HORCAJO: So thank you for the suggestion.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That -- that would be great because

3 I think that when the parents have the kids

4 participating in these events, too, they also need

5 to understand that the taxpayers are actually

6 helping to subsidize that. Thank you.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member

8 Baisa?

9 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions in this area, thanks.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member -- Member Anderson?

11 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, the Chair is going

13 to move on. And if you do have any questions

14 regarding the Operating details, provide that

15 information to the Chair, and we'll forward it to

16 the Department for response.

17 At this time, we go to the C account in

18 Aquatics Program. Member Victorino?

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I -- I see just the line

20 items requesting. I guess these are -- are these

21 replacements or additional quads and ski -- jet

22 skis?

23 MS. FEENSTRA: They will be replacements.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Replacements, yeah?

25 MS. FEENSTRA: Yes.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I did see the pictures. My
2 question, when I looked at your pictures this
3 morning, Ms. Tamara, I was kind of appalled to see,
4 you know, one with no wheel -- you know, one of the
5 quads had no wheel, was sitting on its axle, and --

6 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- another one -- you know, it's
8 kind of disturbing to have County property kind of
9 laying there in disrepair.

10 MS. HORCAJO: We agree with you. It's very disturbing.

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you for agreeing
12 with me, but is there any rhyme or reason why
13 something like that is occurring?

14 Because it -- to me, and I'm not -- I'm
15 looking at this black-and-white picture, it's not
16 really detailing; however, why can't that -- why
17 can't that be fixed? Why isn't it being used? Is
18 there a problem in getting supplies, parts? I don't
19 know.

20 And these are 2001, 2000 -- you know, these
21 are not old, but here, 2001, 2002, and 2003. And of
22 the -- these are the jet skis, excuse me,
23 correction, jet skis. Only -- of the 12 we bought,
24 only 5 are operational.

25 We're spending a lot of money to have just

1 five operational? Is it something our Maintenance
2 Department cannot keep up with? What seems to be
3 the problem?

4 Because the public is paying a lot of money,
5 and we're going to ask for six more replacements,
6 and that would go for the quads, too, because over
7 here, you had five bought in 2003, two in 2004, and
8 two in 2006; and of that nine, again, six are
9 operational.

10 As a businessman and as a taxpayer, I could
11 never run my business this way. If we had material
12 and they're supposed to be used, they're being fixed
13 and kept up; if not, they're replaced. What is your
14 response to that? I am sorry to put you on the
15 spot, but...

16 MS. HORCAJO: No, it -- we do, and I know that this has
17 been an issue with Aquatics for some time so I know
18 that Marian is wanting to reply.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, Marian, give it to me,
20 please.

21 MS. FEENSTRA: Okay. Well, what you're looking at is kind
22 of a graveyard there. Those need to be taken out,
23 and they've already been -- the wheels are missing
24 because we used the wheels from both particular
25 quads to work on the other ones that were in better

1 shape.

2 What happens with the quads is we use them
3 along the beach a lot.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. FEENSTRA: And even though they're washed daily, the
6 salt just gets to the frame. We -- you know, we've
7 done the undercoating, we've done a lot of things.

8 What we found would work best for the County
9 as a business would be to after two years, let it
10 go, auction it off, and bring in another one because
11 they don't last much longer than that.

12 But they're still sellable in the two years
13 for just someone that -- that's going to take it
14 away from the beach and use it, you know, not on a
15 daily basis.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

17 MS. FEENSTRA: The jet skis, we -- we kind of run into the
18 same thing, you know, because we beach -- the way we
19 beach them, you know, that sand on the front of the
20 hull kind of is sandpaper on the hull.

21 And we can repair 'em, and we've done some
22 modifications to the ski to try to prevent that, but
23 it's the same thing.

24 If we keep 'em for two years, we can still
25 sell 'em. You know, we can get -- we can recoup

1 some of that money back into the General Fund.

2 Right now, we're -- we're driving 'em until we
3 can't drive 'em any more, and I -- I've had -- you
4 know, we have one mechanic on the island that does a
5 really good job. He services all of our jet skis,
6 and he's trained in that particular type of engine.

7 And for -- for one of our skis, it was -- it's
8 \$3500 to repair. He recommended decommission it.
9 The other one was 3500, recommend decommission. And
10 -- and it just goes on and on like that with -- with
11 the skis in that fleet.

12 So to keep fixing 'em and not have something
13 that the -- the guard can go out and count on
14 doesn't make any sense because we're -- we're
15 putting our Ocean Safety Officers on these skis, and
16 they're going out in dangerous conditions because
17 when somebody's lost at sea, it's cause the wind's
18 up or there's big surf generally, you know, and we
19 have to respond, and I don't want to put my guys out
20 there like that.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, and I appreciate your
22 response. I think it was a very appropriate
23 response, but I still go back to the fact that we
24 have 12 inventory and 5 working.

25 And if you have just said what you just said

1 and were following through on what you were saying,
2 then we should -- and I have no problem in getting
3 replacements, but we shouldn't have 12 with only 5
4 operational. I mean, again, thank you very much for
5 the explanation. I do admit that I do not want any
6 of our safety guards to go out there and put their
7 life on the line with equipment that are not
8 100 percent operational. We should have nothing but
9 the best for our people.

10 But it's still a very appalling fact to see
11 only 5 of 12 working, and same thing with the quads.
12 If you're replacing 'em, then by golly, replace 'em
13 and -- and get rid of 'em but not have 'em laying
14 here because as a -- as -- as a taxpayer, I walk
15 around seeing this, I'm saying wow, where's my money
16 going to, you know? We want the best, let's get the
17 best; and if we don't need to keep 'em, get rid of
18 'em.

19 MS. FEENSTRA: Yeah, take 'em off inventory. I agree.

20 And...

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, and if -- and if
22 someone...

23 MS. FEENSTRA: And that's actually going to -- it's being
24 done.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And so again, I -- I

1 apologize for being adamant about this, but I just
2 felt very slated when I looked at these pictures to
3 know that our moneys are sitting there, and that's
4 our money sitting there not being utilized. And if
5 we need new ones, get the new ones, get rid of the
6 old ones, let's move on because our parks need a lot
7 of equipment, and I'm getting tired of seeing what
8 I've seen today and not getting any -- what I call
9 justification for the people of Maui County. Thank
10 you, my dear. Thank you, Chair.

11 MS. HORCAJO: And -- and we do need the replacements,
12 Council member.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

14 MS. HORCAJO: Otherwise, we have to keep reusing the parts.

15 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, Tamara, you guys saying
16 it's your turn so I'm just making sure the public
17 knows it's your turn.

18 MS. HORCAJO: Okay, thank you.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member
21 Hokama?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, and -- and maybe Mr. Pablo
23 can do this for all the departments. It would be
24 helpful if we can -- we would have a better
25 understanding of the equipment request if we

1 understand the replacement schedules and what are
2 the criterias or the standards that the -- you know,
3 for the specific type of equipment that the
4 departments would look for to qualify for a request
5 before this Committee consideration.

6 I think that would be helpful because I'm like
7 Mr. Victorino, that obviously, this Division would
8 have to make adjustments in response.

9 So more likely instead of going out -- sending
10 out our people, we're going to call rescue and have
11 a chopper or Coast Guard come in, but we wouldn't
12 add more people to the endangerment if we're unable
13 to respond properly, and I would think part of the
14 response is in the type of equipment that's
15 available.

16 So I would ask that Mr. Pablo assist us so
17 that we can have a good understanding as the
18 requests come forward. Yeah, they're asking for the
19 vehicle, it's over hundred thousand miles, X amount
20 of years, makes sense. We understand it's part of
21 the schedule, let's replace it.

22 And whether it be for Police or Parks because
23 Parks has a lot of vehicles, I think that would be
24 helpful for us so that we can budget accordingly
25 each year as we know we're going to be in a cycle of

1 replacement.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And I'm just reviewing page 21. The --

5 according to this, jet -- jet skis should be

6 replaced every two years, and we should have taken

7 some action back in 2001, 2002, and 2003 to replace

8 those jet skis. Thank you. Member Molina?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions on the C account.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Department,

12 yeah, I think if you never been in part of the

13 County operations, what you say is true, that for

14 the quads, that if you -- if -- if they're only

15 going to last and have a usable service life of

16 two years and then you need to turn them in or

17 replace them, then you should do that.

18 But on the other side, every department has a

19 bone yard. And the reason for that is if -- if the

20 vehicles get to a point where it's not worth to turn

21 in, you get more value out of it by using the parts

22 on it. That's why most places like Public Works,

23 all the garages, they have bone yards so that we can

24 utilize the parts.

25 Parts sometimes cost more than the vehicles

1 when you have to buy 'em separately. So I'm sure
2 that's why whoever does your maintenance is keeping
3 those because it's not worth to turn in, but it's
4 more valuable to take parts from. But I think,
5 yeah, you need to establish a replacement program
6 for yourself.

7 I was going ask you, and I may be on the wrong
8 account so tell me if I'm -- I am, but -- you have
9 Maintenance C, but that's in your Maintenance
10 Program coming up? It's not part of your Aquatics?
11 And -- and the -- it -- it's about the show mobile
12 stage.

13 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct, it's in another division.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's another program. Okay,
15 I'll wait for that. Thank you, Chair.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
17 Baisa?

18 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: None.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Member Anderson?

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I just want to
21 touch briefly on these lane lines. I mean, you
22 know, these companies know that you're going to put
23 'em in a pool full of chlorine, and they're going to
24 be out in the sun all day. Do you have a new
25 company or a new product that you're looking at?

1 MS. FEENSTRA: Well, actually, what we have determined is
2 that those lane lines, the white pieces crack the
3 worst so we no longer order any of the white pieces
4 because what it is, is you -- you -- you order what
5 colors you want and then you actually have to string
6 'em when they come.

7 So we no longer order white, and we found out
8 that the ones with more pigment last longer. As far
9 as -- there's only, like, three vendors. Sometimes
10 they don't even respond. It takes them a while to
11 respond to our requests, you know.

12 We're -- it's kind of tough being out here in
13 the middle of the ocean. Everything costs more to
14 get here, and they're less responsive when it comes
15 to selling because they know you're not buying that
16 much.

17 But we have found that the darker colors last
18 longer so that's the direction we've gone in. Why,
19 I don't know.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: By colors.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's the story, I guess. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, if
25 you do have any more questions on the C account,

1 which is Equipment, provide that to the Chair, and
2 we'll forward it again to the Department for a
3 proper response.

4 At this time, the Chair would like to go into
5 the Park Maintenance Program. Mr. Victorino,
6 questions?

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We're on the Account A right now,
8 yeah?

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'll yield, Mr. Chair. No
11 questions at this time.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, but my
14 question relates to, I guess, 12-27 -- oh, I'm
15 sorry, we're on Account A, yeah?

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Account A, yeah.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I apologize. No, no questions on A.
18 My question is related to B account. Thank you.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. So Account A,
21 Maintenance, includes your -- your Park Maintenance
22 and Construction Maintenance?

23 MS. HORCAJO: Actually, for our Maintenance Program, we
24 have no expansion requests for A account.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, but does that include Park

1 Maintenance and Construction Maintenance?

2 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, it does.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's under the same program?

4 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, it is.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And -- yeah, you have one

6 vacant position, though, and I was wondering how's

7 that coming along? You have -- well, we have a

8 chart that shows one vacant maintenance in Building

9 Maintenance Repair I. What's the status of that?

10 MS. HORCAJO: Correct, we do have one BMR position open.

11 It has not yet been put out for promotion without

12 exam. We -- we are looking at -- at putting that

13 one out soon.

14 We have an existing staff position in another

15 division that has requested a transfer. We have not

16 yet acted on that.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So you're thinking of doing

18 a noncompetitive promotion for that position?

19 MS. HORCAJO: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So you -- you're trying to do it

21 in-house?

22 MS. HORCAJO: Correct.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And -- okay, that's all I

24 have. Thank you, Department. Thank you, Chair.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member

1 Johnson?

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. I know we always have our
3 irrigator or sprinkler system challenges. Do we
4 have all those positions filled so that we can
5 maintain our sprinkler systems?

6 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, we do. Francis Miyazono, Parks
7 Maintenance Superintendent. Yes, we do.

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And even though people keep
9 driving over them? It's -- I know it's a challenge,
10 but I -- I -- I've gotten some complaints about, you
11 know, parks over on the West side, and sometimes the
12 irrigators can't get there, you know, when they need
13 to or -- or either that or the equipment, I guess,
14 is, you know, older so that should not be a problem,
15 though, any longer?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: No, I don't see any problem with that.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Well, the next time when
18 someone calls me, I will call you.

19 MR. MIYAZONO: Okay, that's fine.

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

21 MR. MIYAZONO: Thank you.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
23 Baisa?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I am going to have to ask for a
25 little information so I know I'm not in left field.

1 Is this the section that takes care of keeping the
2 parks clean?

3 MS. HORCAJO: No, this is -- the Construction Maintenance
4 and Horticulture Section is our -- what we -- we
5 call them skilled laborers that require
6 certifications of some kind.

7 It's not the -- and personally, I don't really
8 like that word because our Park Caretakers are
9 skilled also, but they -- the Park Maintenance,
10 Construction Maintenance Division which has the
11 horticulturist has that certification.

12 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, more ground and building.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, thank you. I'll save my
15 questions.

16 MS. HORCAJO: Electricians and plumbers and...

17 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Thank you, Member Baisa.
19 Member Anderson?

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I -- I think I'll -- I'll
21 wait, too, because I'm -- I'm more -- when you say
22 Park Maintenance, you -- you actually naturally
23 think someone who's maintaining the park, but okay.
24 I -- I'll wait for Park Caretakers.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Just a fast question,

1 Mr. Miyazono.

2 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, wait a minute, Chair.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Keopuolani Park, the irrigation system,
4 has that been repaired?

5 MR. MIYAZONO: We still have one pump down, and we still
6 waiting -- waiting for the consultation from the
7 experts. It's been quite a -- quite a -- quite a
8 while, but, you know, we don't have too many people
9 who are an expert in that field so it -- it's -- you
10 know, that -- that company is from Oahu.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair?

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you. I -- I just notice
15 that they -- they do have, under Parks
16 Beautification, some Parks Caretakers.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, they do.

18 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And -- but these are not your
20 daily maintenance guys, right, I mean, Park
21 Maintenance?

22 MR. MIYAZONO: No. They -- Councilman Anderson, no.
23 They -- they work within -- they're kind of a
24 support service for the rest of the parks so they
25 have -- they do -- they have assigned duties which

1 have to do with cultural practices, but -- and there
2 are -- we have a few that are assigned to Kepaniwai
3 Park and -- and the amphitheater. And other than
4 that, it's all under Rec and Support Services.

5 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. Thank you,
6 Chair.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, if there's no more
8 questions regarding the A account on the Park
9 Maintenance, the Chair would like to move on to the
10 Operation -- Operation Details. Member Victorino?

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. I will take
12 you to page 12-26 under Services, and the code is
13 6112. And I'm kind of confused because I'd like to
14 know A, what this service does because this
15 Contractual Service, '06 we used \$117,000; the next
16 year, we used \$200; and then you requested in '08,
17 \$300,000. You guys found it?

18 MS. HORCAJO: Yeah, yeah.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. What specifically is
20 Contractual Service are we referring to?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: The Contractual Services, Councilman
22 Victorino, is we use it for all tree trimming, and
23 -- so this year, we're requesting a -- you know, a
24 much more bigger amount because, you know, like we
25 have a lot of trees, and we -- we can wipe out that

1 Contractual Service in one -- one quarter so that's
2 what we -- we've been doing, so most of that money
3 is spent the first quarter already.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, I understand that the -- what
5 this Contractual Service is all about, but I'm kind
6 of confused why in 2007 we have all of \$200 in that
7 account?

8 I mean, if -- and I agree with you. Our trees
9 need constant maintenance. I mean, that's something
10 that has to be ongoing so why would we go from 117
11 to \$200 up to 302?

12 MS. HORCAJO: We'll check into that. I really don't know
13 why it's that amount for 2007.

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I'm new so I'm very
15 confused with that kind of swings, yeah?

16 MS. HORCAJO: It's a swing.

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, a big swing. And then I'll
18 move down to page 12-27, and I'll go straight to
19 Services and then it's 6138, R&M Service/Contracts.
20 You found it?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. We had 31,000 in '06, we
23 appropriated 670,000 in '07, and 720,000 in '08. I
24 think the concern some of us have, and I think we
25 brought this up before, is that the kind of money or

1 contract or R&M that you build these new buildings
2 with, the material and stuff of that nature, is that
3 what that falls under?

4 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, Councilman Victorino. We use some of
5 those funds for the building.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For these new construction that
7 we see like down at Iron Maehara Stadium and behind
8 the football stadium. All around Maui we see these
9 new buildings coming up which sometimes are
10 necessitated, but is that where that money falls
11 into?

12 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I'm just curious how come
14 we wait so long. But again, like I said, I don't
15 understand how you guys budget works, but I cannot
16 see one year we use 31,000, the next year we jump to
17 600, and the next year we'll jump to 700.

18 I think if we do things in a more consistent
19 and steady method, you wouldn't have these kinds of
20 challenges. But if that's your answer, then I will
21 yield to my colleagues because I think they have
22 some questions in that area also. Thank you very
23 much. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. With

1 regards to the tree contract, the areas that you're
2 proposing for tree trimming, is it just mostly just
3 confined to only parks or other areas that have
4 trees in County right-of-ways or that need -- or
5 need trees to be trimmed?

6 MR. MIYAZONO: The money we requesting this fiscal year is
7 just for park trees.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

9 MR. MIYAZONO: Which include Molokai and Lanai also.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Because the reason I
11 bring that up, up in my district along Piiholo Road,
12 there's been concerns about, you know, getting the
13 trees trimmed for that.

14 So -- so the -- this funding request would not
15 be for trimming trees off of streets, I guess?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: No.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Would that -- would that come under,
18 I guess, the maintenance of street trees --

19 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- or so?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, it would, yes.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And my other question related
23 to the -- I guess the Ka Lima O Maui contract.

24 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Was -- was that the \$50,000

1 increase? And I'm -- I'm trying to find what area
2 in the details that would come under. Is there a
3 proposed increase for that?

4 MS. HORCAJO: Ka Lima has requested an increase based on
5 their expenses.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. The reason I bring that up,
7 because we've been hearing it during the budget
8 hearings from the constituency that, you know, we
9 need to do more for our Parks Maintenance.

10 So from the -- the Department's standpoint, is
11 Ka Lima doing the job that the Department is
12 expecting them to do by -- in terms of standards, or
13 does the Department have concerns or suggestions to
14 Ka Lima to, you know, spruce things up a bit?

15 Because, you know, earlier, we heard
16 discussions about the -- the conditions of our
17 cleanliness of our bathrooms and other parts of our
18 parks throughout the island. Can I get a comment on
19 that?

20 MS. HORCAJO: You can, because Ka Lima O Maui is a great
21 partner with the County; and currently, they operate
22 in the South and Central areas only. And by
23 contract and with the Union as a partner as well, we
24 negotiated their current park locations.

25 We are currently in discussion with the Union,

1 as well as with Ka Lima, to change their locations.
2 We are hoping to look at the assignments of our Park
3 Caretakers, place our Park Caretakers in our larger,
4 more active, more used parks, including our beach
5 parks, where then we can have more of a presence and
6 have Ka Lima maintain our less active parks.

7 This negotiation started quite a while ago,
8 and it will take awhile --

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

10 MS. HORCAJO: -- but I believe it's a good goal to strive
11 for and -- so Ka Lima does do a very good job where
12 they are at, but they are just overwhelmed.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

14 MS. HORCAJO: As we are.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So can the public expect with this
16 increase in appropriation that our parks will be
17 better maintained?

18 Because, you know, for us as the elected
19 officials to approve, you know, increases, the
20 public expects something in return, so can we get
21 that assurance from the Department, whether it be
22 through Ka Lima or our own people?

23 MS. HORCAJO: As I understand from Ka Lima, and I'm only
24 copied because they -- their request is for existing
25 services. It's not to expand their -- their service

1 or their level of service.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

3 MS. HORCAJO: It's for existing service.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, for existing services, so --

5 and again, I just bring that up because it's a

6 pressing issue for a lot of people in our community.

7 They're saying okay, we're going to give more

8 money to the Parks Department, but we want to be

9 assured that our parks are kept up to a high

10 standard because we hear this year in and year out

11 and -- so now this is your year.

12 So for me as one elected official, we -- we

13 hope the -- you know, the issues can be addressed so

14 we don't keep hearing these complaints from our --

15 our -- our local residents, as well as from some of

16 our visitors.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you. We agree. The -- for Ka Lima O

18 Maui, their contract won't be expanded, but we hope

19 with the additional staffing --

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. HORCAJO: -- that the level of service will indeed

22 increase.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Thank you,

24 Chairman.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member

1 Medeiros?

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Department, Member
3 Molina was talking about and asking about the tree
4 trimming, and you referred to maintenance of
5 street -- street trees, which is on 12-27, account
6 915705? Now, that -- that trimming is done by
7 contract with the contractors, correct?

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And I notice you -- you've
10 kept your funds relatively the same throughout
11 three years of budgeting.

12 And the reason I ask and question that is I
13 know we used to call on your Department from Public
14 Works to trim trees along the streets that were
15 affecting our sidewalks and becoming -- and
16 affecting our roads, and a lot of times we were told
17 that you could not get the contractors to come out
18 and trim the trees because you didn't have money.

19 Now, I'm wondering why didn't you increase
20 your budget? Because you are charged by the Maui
21 County Code to trim those trees for the other
22 departments and agencies.

23 So can you give me your rationale why you did
24 not put more money into it so that such as the
25 Department of Public Works Highways wouldn't get a

1 response that you couldn't do it because you didn't
2 have money?

3 MR. MIYAZONO: The \$300,000 for street trees was
4 appropriated only last year, the 300,000. So that
5 was -- this was -- this fiscal year is the first
6 year that we had \$300,000.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But -- but you're...

8 MR. MIYAZONO: And before that -- before that, we didn't
9 have any -- anything for street tree maintenance.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But you expended in 2006
11 about 300,000, so you say you didn't have money in
12 2006?

13 MR. MIYAZONO: We didn't have it -- yeah, we didn't have
14 that line item on street tree -- tree trimming.
15 Actually, it was from the Parks accounts we were
16 tapping.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, you spent that amount of
18 money --

19 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- but it wasn't...

21 MR. MIYAZONO: It wasn't appropriated.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: From one particular --

23 MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- account number. I see. And so
25 in 2007, you were appropriated 300,000?

1 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But you're asking the same amount
3 for 2008. And my question is, why aren't you asking
4 for more because I know in Highways, our response
5 from Parks was that there was not enough money to
6 trim the trees that we needed to be trimmed because
7 they were affecting our highways and sidewalks.

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Right now -- well, we're requesting 300,000
9 for the street park trees this -- this fiscal year,
10 and possibly in next year we might go in for more
11 moneys for the street tree, tree trimming, but I
12 don't know if you know, but it takes a long time
13 to -- to do the contracts because our arborist has
14 to go to all the different sites and spec out all
15 the tree trimming.

16 So -- so you count even this, we haven't spent
17 all the moneys for this fiscal year. We have, like,
18 \$203,000, and I just signed a requisition for the
19 bidding for the street tree, which we will -- we
20 will wipe out that \$203,000.

21 But we haven't gotten a track record,
22 actually, because this is the first year that we
23 were appropriated that much money so maybe after
24 next year, we'll know how many -- how much moneys we
25 do need to increase the Street Tree Maintenance

1 Program.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So to comply with the Maui County
3 Code in previous years, your moneys were coming from
4 a separate account to do that?

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Medeiros, can I interject?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Prior to the Council budgeting tree
8 trimming dollars last year, the moneys was supposed
9 to have come from the Beautification Highway Fund,
10 and that fund was depleted for other uses like your
11 abandoned vehicles, and -- and that left almost zero
12 for anything for tree trimming or, you know, things
13 of that nature.

14 So last year was the first time that we
15 provided \$300,000 to the Department for tree
16 trimming.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, Chair, thank you for that
18 information. That -- that helps me understand
19 how -- how this account evolved. Okay, thank you,
20 Department. Thank you, Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
22 Johnson?

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and I thank the arborist and
24 the Parks Department for actually lobbying for the
25 line item because otherwise, it was always -- as you

1 had stated, Mr. Chair, it was always being depleted,
2 and of course the trees didn't get trimmed.

3 On line 6138 on page 12-27, I just want to
4 make sure, that's Repair and Maintenance Services
5 Contracts, is that the Ka Lima contract, or is it
6 not the Ka Lima contract, or is that the one where
7 the 50,000 increase is for the sub-meters for
8 irrigation?

9 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

11 MS. HORCAJO: This is not -- the Ka Lima contract is
12 indicated by Qualified Rehabilitation Services on a
13 different page.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, okay. That's -- thank you very
15 much. Just wanted to double check that because I
16 know earlier, we had said that the 50,000 was for
17 something else, but it is for the sub-meters. Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
20 Baisa?

21 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks. My questions were about
22 Ka Lima, and they've been answered. Thank you.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, now I'm a little confused
25 because I thought Ka Lima was part of 6138. Could

1 you tell us where Ka Lima is in here?

2 MS. HORCAJO: Okay, Zach, whip through and try and find it.

3 I believe it's under Rec and Support. Let me try
4 and find it here. Yes, it is. It's 12-49, and it's
5 Subobject Code 915152, Qualified Rehab Maintenance
6 Services.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you.

8 MS. HORCAJO: And that account, just to clarify, we have
9 two, I guess, contracts, one with Ka Lima O Maui and
10 one with Molokai Occupational Center, and the total
11 of those two is the number indicated here.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you, Chair. I'll wait
13 until we get to that.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know, we've got two areas for
16 tree trimming, the 300,000 that you have for park
17 trees under 6112, is that correct, on page 12-26?
18 Contractual Service, 6112.

19 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's correct?

21 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's -- that's tree trimming for
23 park trees?

24 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And then we have this other one

1 for street trees?

2 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, great. So we were told that
4 you folks spent \$365,000 in Fiscal Year '06 for park
5 tree trimming, so how come you only have 300,000 in
6 there if you want to maintain, you know, the level
7 of service that you did this year?

8 But, you know, I don't -- it's done already so
9 I'm not going to ask you where you got the money
10 from, but -- since you only had \$800 or \$200 in that
11 account, but if you know that you spent 365,000 in
12 '06, what did you spend in '07, and could it
13 possibly be more than 365, and why -- why don't we
14 have at least 365 for '08?

15 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, that's -- that's a good question.

16 Presently, up to now, we've spent \$299,000 for
17 street trees.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: This year?

19 MR. MIYAZONO: This year.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And we got...

21 MR. MIYAZONO: I'm sorry, that's not street tree, I'm
22 sorry, park trees. Park trees. So like I mentioned
23 to Councilman -- was it Medeiros or -- I wanted --
24 we wanted to see what kind of track record, what's
25 the average amount of -- of expenditures for street

1 trees that we -- we would spend each year.

2 Like last year was -- as I said, was the first
3 year that we were appropriated \$300,000 so maybe --

4 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I -- I'm on park trees.

5 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, park trees?

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah.

7 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's what the 365 was spent on.

9 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, yes. Well, 300 -- yeah, I -- I think
10 \$300,000 is a good figure for us right now; and if
11 we do need more in the -- in near future, we will
12 come to you for ask for more moneys.

13 MS. HORCAJO: One of the concerns, if I can add in here, is
14 that if -- near the end of the fiscal year, there
15 may be some storm damage or emergency services so we
16 may need to contract, and we are a program budget.
17 If we need to provide that service, we will go ahead
18 and get in there and provide that service.

19 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And -- and both of these are
20 contractual services. You don't --

21 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: -- do it in-house.

23 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct. Exactly.

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. And then I'd like to go to
25 page 12-27, item 6138, Repair and Maintenance

1 Services Contracts. You got 720,000, previously
2 670,000. What is that specifically budgeted for?

3 MR. MIYAZONO: That account is for private maintenance
4 contracts. We usually help all the districts in
5 emergency repairs and maintenance that comes up like
6 big ticket -- ticketed emergencies that the --
7 wasn't appropriated for the -- for the districts,
8 like -- you know, like maybe a pump goes down and
9 then we have to replace the pump.

10 We use a lot of those moneys for our street
11 trees -- park trees, tree trimming, where we did not
12 have enough appropriation, so we cover that with
13 that account.

14 And we also used to cover the street tree
15 trimming, too, with that private maintenance
16 contracts. That's how we got by all this time.

17 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I see. You did tell Member
18 Victorino that that was the money that you folks
19 used for building -- putting the buildings in at the
20 War Memorial?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You do know that that's a CIP
23 expenditure or supposed to be?

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Supposed to be, yes. But, you know...

25 MS. HORCAJO: We do know, and we do have a supplemental

1 budget amendment that has -- that the Budget Office
2 is looking to transfer down to Council for review as
3 soon as you have time after the budget hearing. We
4 are going to be requesting transferring those funds
5 for '07 that were expended from that account to the
6 CIP account. We're just trying to repair damage.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: We appreciate that very much.

8 Thank you. You know, I see you have a category for
9 Molokai Skate Parks Repair Services that there's
10 nothing in it this year. You had 20,000 in it last
11 year.

12 What happened to the -- the money for repair
13 of the Kalama Skate Park and -- and, you know,
14 without getting into it in detail because I -- I do
15 know that we put money in last year in CIP, I
16 believe it was, to actually replace that skate park
17 with a street park.

18 So, I mean, are -- are you doing anything now
19 to repair that park prior to the new park being put
20 in, or where are we on that?

21 MS. HORCAJO: We are trying to get that park reopened.

22 Currently, we have our South District Maintenance
23 Staff working and assessing the dangerous areas, we
24 are cutting down the ramps and verts that are over a
25 specific height, say between 4 and 5 feet. We're

1 trying to cut them down so it will be safe for our
2 kids to get in there and skate.

3 We -- so we are purchasing materials,
4 Skatelite, to replace the damaged pieces that are
5 there, coming up with the checklist and support from
6 the community in order to get that park reopened.

7 So some of the -- the funds from this account,
8 as well as from the District account have been
9 expended on materials to get that park reopened.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And then do you folks intend to go
11 forward with a concrete street park?

12 MS. HORCAJO: For new CIP funding, yes, they're --
13 currently, the community is working to relocate the
14 skate park into a more visual and open area.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: More forward in the park. And so
16 that's where the new skate park will go?

17 MS. HORCAJO: That's where the new skate park will go.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And those moneys are still in
19 there working towards that goal, right?

20 MS. HORCAJO: As far as I know, yes, they are.

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Great. Thank you. And I don't
22 know if this is the place to bring it up, Mr. Chair,
23 but we are under Beautification so -- and
24 Horticulture, so I'm just going to ask the question
25 and then I'll yield.

1 While we're on Kalama Park, the -- the
2 drainageway that goes underneath the bridge there,
3 where is that addressed in the -- in your budget as
4 far as maintenance?

5 Because I was just there last weekend, and the
6 water that sits in that drainageway is green and
7 stagnant and stinky, and somebody needs to open that
8 up and get that -- that cleared out. Where -- where
9 would we address that in the budget?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

11 MS. HORCAJO: That is not currently addressed in the
12 budget. It would -- it requires a permit, I
13 believe, to open up the drainageway between the
14 drainage and the ocean with the sand -- between the
15 sand.

16 That area there is of constant concern for our
17 staff. It is not on our daily operation -- our
18 daily operation staff try and get in there for
19 something major; but as you know, it's a -- it's a
20 concern for us as well.

21 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know, I mean, you -- you need
22 to get a permit to move the sand from the mouth of
23 the drainage channel on the beach?

24 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, you do, because that water that's coming
25 up from a small spring underneath the waterway there

1 and as it -- if you open up the mouth of that into
2 the ocean, we do need to get a permit.

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So that water is from a spring,
4 not from leftover rain?

5 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh. So I hope we will find a way
7 to address that in this year's budget and -- and
8 find a way to get some -- some kind of an ongoing
9 permit because it's just unacceptable to let that
10 water sit and stagnate and turn green and stink like
11 it does. It -- it's, like, who wants to go there?

12 MS. HORCAJO: We, yeah, definitely do need some better
13 ideas for this. We actually wrote a grant two years
14 ago and asked for assistance from the Waterways
15 Foundation through the National Park Service.

16 We did get some consultant money, but it
17 wasn't -- and they did an assessment to help us try
18 and figure out a plan, but it wasn't nearly enough
19 to address the long-term goals of that waterway.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, shoots, if we have a spring
21 there, let 's tap it and use it for irrigation
22 instead of let it stagnate. Thank you, Chair.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Good point,
24 irrigation. Members, if you have any more questions
25 in the details, if you can forward it to the Chair,

1 and we'll forward it to the Department for a reply.

2 Members, the Chair want to conclude the Parks
3 Department this afternoon. I know we still have a
4 ways to go. Before I go into the -- the C account,
5 the Chair would like to make a recommendation here.

6 For the PALS Program, the Golf Fund, and
7 Planning Development Program because the request
8 is -- well, for the Planning and Development,
9 there's one expansion and then for the PALS Program,
10 there's three expansions.

11 And I think the Director covered it in her
12 opening remarks to the Department of Receptions --
13 or Parks and Receptions, so the Chair would like to
14 have you provide information to this Chair to the --
15 for the Department for any questions that you may
16 have on the A, B, and C accounts.

17 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Could you repeat that?

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: For the Planning and Development
19 Program, the PALS Program, and the Golf Fund,
20 because the -- although they have expansions in each
21 of the programs except for -- I -- I take it back,
22 all three of 'em, one expansion for Planning and
23 Development, I think there's one expansion for Golf
24 Fund, and one -- three expansions for PALS Program,
25 the Chair is recommending that you provide the Chair

1 with any questions that you may have on the A, B,
2 and C accounts for these three programs.

3 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Okay, Members, we're going to go
5 into the C account for Park Maintenance Program.
6 Mr. Victorino, any questions?

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I think they've explained
8 all -- all of the additions. And like they say,
9 this is their year, and I'd hope that we can give
10 you -- you choke me up. That we can give you
11 everything you're asking for. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. You sound so emotional.
13 Member Medeiros?

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Department, your
15 show mobile stage, I think that's a great idea,
16 having to have moved those stages a lot of times,
17 you know, for the County.

18 However, where do you plan on parking this, if
19 you should get the funding for it, this show mobile
20 stage?

21 And the reason I ask that is a lot of times,
22 we purchase, you know, very useful equipment, but
23 they deteriorate very quickly depending on where you
24 parked it.

25 And I was hoping you weren't going to park

1 this at the baseball stadium, which gets probably
2 the worst salt air, you know, of that area.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

4 MR. MIYAZONO: Well, I was going to mention that, yeah, we
5 were going to park it there, but we were going to --
6 we were going to build a structure to house it, you
7 know --

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

9 MR. MIYAZONO: -- or something like a garage, yeah.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Where do you see your having to
11 install stages the most, what area?

12 MR. MIYAZONO: Central.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Central?

14 MR. MIYAZONO: Central area, yes.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah, if you're going to
16 park it there, then be sure you have a -- you know,
17 some kind of enclosure to protect it.

18 And the other thing, make sure that the
19 materials that are used for that are -- are salt and
20 rust resistant, such as aluminum and stuff, and stay
21 away from steel, okay? Even though they say the
22 steel is -- you know, it's coated with some kind of
23 rust resistant, it never lasts in Hawaii.

24 My other question is on your boom truck,
25 that's to do what kind of work?

1 MR. MIYAZONO: Basically, a lot of tree trimming.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

3 MR. MIYAZONO: Within the Department.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But this is a small boom truck.

5 This is a 1 ton?

6 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So just small jobs?

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the bigger jobs you contract
10 out?

11 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Department.

13 Thank you, Chair.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
15 Johnson?

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Under Park Maintenance, I -- I
17 haven't gone through the whole thing yet, but I -- I
18 guess this might have been from the earlier one.
19 What ended up happening with our grease traps?

20 I see that we had a line item, but are we all
21 now totally in compliance with our grease traps
22 Countywide?

23 MS. HORCAJO: The grease traps are handled through the CIP,
24 and I believe they're almost completed. I -- I
25 think we're under contract, if not completed with

1 all of them.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, because I looked under the
3 CIP, and that's where I couldn't -- I just -- I went
4 through so Mr. Chair, if -- you know, if we're all
5 completed, that's wonderful, but I just wanted to
6 make sure particularly because parks and some of our
7 kitchens and whatnot, I don't want that to get left
8 by the wayside. Anyway, thank you.

9 MS. HORCAJO: We'll give you a status report during our CIP
10 on those.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks very much.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
13 Baisa? Thank you. Member Anderson?

14 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Sorry, Chair. On this mobile
15 stage, is it -- it says here in your -- in your
16 presentation that you set up a 16X24-foot stage
17 approximately 15 times a year. Is this stage that
18 size?

19 MR. MIYAZONO: Well, it's bigger. It's larger, actually.

20 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's larger?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: It's larger, yes.

22 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Gee, it -- it looks tiny. How --
23 how big is it?

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Well, the over -- the -- the body length is
25 20 -- 28 feet, and the overall width is 8.5.

1 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The length is 48 feet and the
2 width...

3 MR. MIYAZONO: 28, 28 feet.

4 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: 20 feet?

5 MR. MIYAZONO: 28.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: 28. And the width is 8?

7 MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah. Well, our stages, we can set it to
8 all -- to all different size, like the -- the
9 average one is 16X24, our platform stages.

10 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, see, that's -- that's my
11 concern is that this isn't really going to
12 substitute for the current setups that you do.
13 If -- if 15 times a year you're doing a 16X24-foot
14 stage, how many times a year do you do a 28X8-foot
15 stage?

16 In other words, are we going to force people
17 onto a smaller stage because this is what we have to
18 offer and -- and -- and say, you know -- because the
19 difference between 8 feet and 16 feet is a lot when
20 you're setting up bands and you got all kinds of
21 needs that -- so, I mean, I don't want us to spend a
22 hundred thousand dollars of taxpayer money and have
23 it used twice a year.

24 So can -- you know, can you substantiate how
25 many times, say, in the past couple years you've had

1 the need for a stage that small?

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

3 MR. MIYAZONO: I think there are different sizes of -- of
4 this particular stage, and all -- I just have
5 literature for this size, but I'm sure there --
6 there are larges sizes. We can look into that, too.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So could you look into that and
8 what the cost would be and also give us some kind of
9 a summary analysis of how many -- because this is
10 all we have to go by.

11 MR. MIYAZONO: Mm-hmm.

12 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And what you're telling us here is
13 that the Department sets up 15 times a year a stage
14 16X24 feet, and this will not service that same
15 need.

16 So we need to know how many times a year in
17 this past year or maybe two years you've had the
18 need to set up a smaller stage similar to the size
19 of this one so we can see, you know, the
20 effectiveness in -- in the cost benefit of buying
21 this or maybe we'll want to spend 150 grand and get
22 a bigger one.

23 MR. MIYAZONO: Okay, we'll do that. Thank you.

24 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, if

1 you do have any more questions on the C account,
2 provide that information to the Chair, and we'll
3 forward it to the Department for a response.

4 At this time, the Chair would go directly into
5 the -- the Recreation and Support Services.

6 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: What page, Chair?

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Let's see, start off at --

8 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: 12-23.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- 12-33. I think this is the one that
10 most Members are kind of interested in.

11 Member Victorino, any questions in regards to
12 the A account?

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, Mr. Chair. I think the PALS
14 Program has always been...

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's not the PALS Program. It's the
16 Recreation and Support Services. These are the guys
17 that work in the parks.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The caretakers.

19 MS. HORCAJO: It's our Recreation Staff, as well as our
20 Park Caretaker Staff.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Again, those people in many cases
24 do great jobs, just that they're overwhelmed, and I
25 think more -- more pride being brought back in the

1 Department I think is one of the keys that I've
2 heard out there, talking to a lot of these workers
3 who happen to be family friends, people I know
4 because we use the parks an awful lot.

5 I think money is always a concern, equipment
6 is another, and I think the other key is having a
7 sense of pride in what they do. I think the public
8 should understand sometimes that they lack that
9 pride because sometimes the public themselves lack
10 the pride.

11 And I know the restrooms at times have been a
12 challenge, especially the women's side, like
13 Councilmember Baisa had said earlier.

14 Sometimes maybe we take some pride will help
15 that, but maybe adjusting their schedules
16 accordingly would be also very important, especially
17 for the women's side, so -- because you know I've
18 spoken about my wife and others that have come to me
19 many times saying the women's side is not properly
20 maintained.

21 So I think any of our restrooms we deserve
22 clean, safe restrooms so whatever we can do to help
23 them do these things and all the rest of the stuff I
24 think is important.

25 So Mr. Chair, I've said my comments and that's

1 the only questions I have at this time.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Department, in
4 Recreation Support Services, you have 16 vacancies,
5 and where -- what's the status of that, why you have
6 so many vacancies? And that seems to be the program
7 that gets the most complaints because of, you know,
8 maintenance and -- and so forth. Why are there so
9 many vacancies that are not filled?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

11 MS. HORCAJO: I'm looking forward to getting a copy of that
12 vacancy list from you so I can see exactly what
13 you're -- you know, which positions because I'm -- I
14 imagine that most of the positions that we have
15 vacant, which I do know about, are the half-time
16 Park Caretaker positions, as well as the part-time
17 Rec Aide positions.

18 We do have a domino effect in our Department,
19 and I know that we -- as soon as we have a full-time
20 opening for promotion without exam, which is
21 internal recruitment, we move our half -time
22 positions to full-time positions.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

24 MS. HORCAJO: Once -- once people are in the parks, they do
25 like to stay there.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Well, I -- I don't see too many
2 part-time positions. You -- you -- you have --
3 maybe you filled some of these positions. Chief of
4 Recreation, you filled that?

5 MS. HORCAJO: Currently, that's my old position that
6 Rocco's currently TAing.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, TA into that position, okay.

8 MS. HORCAJO: We have a promotion without exam recruitment
9 out. We -- that has not...

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and you have Building
11 Maintenance Repair I, two of 'em vacant, you have
12 Park Caretaker I, four vacant.

13 MS. HORCAJO: I don't believe we have any -- oh, the BMR in
14 Molokai was our past Director's position, and I
15 believe that that one's been filled, but I don't
16 think we have any in the process of...

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Do -- do you have that list now?

18 MS. HORCAJO: I do have it now.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Can you look at it?

20 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, I can.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And it's on the second page under
22 your Rec and Support Services.

23 MS. HORCAJO: Okay.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Your second column, Vacant
25 Positions. There seems to be quite a bit in your

1 Rec -- Recreation and Support Services.

2 MS. HORCAJO: Well, that -- that whole top section, the Rec
3 Program Planner is currently filled by John Buck.
4 The other positions I think we just discussed. You
5 know, he fell back from the Deputy Director back
6 into the Recreation Program Planner position so that
7 one's filled.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, those are not as important
9 as the Park Caretaker positions where the people are
10 doing the work at your facilities and four Park
11 Caretaker Is and so forth.

12 MS. HORCAJO: Councilmember Medeiros, I will go back and
13 look. I don't believe that we have any full-time
14 positions that we aren't currently in the process of
15 recruiting or filling.

16 Our half-time positions, on the other hand, we
17 do -- are looking for applicants in those positions.
18 We do have a labor list that we do hire off of.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, I think that -- that
20 information would be helpful to justify -- go ahead.

21 MR. HELM: Councilman Medeiros, I just would like to add
22 that a lot of these vacant positions are in the
23 process of being filled.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

25 MR. HELM: And it takes a long time to fill some of these

1 positions because they have to go through physical
2 and OccuMed.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. HELM: And to give you some examples, it takes three to
5 six months to fill these positions, and this is
6 probably the positions you're probably wondering why
7 they're not filled.

8 And we go back as 2006 that these positions
9 are still vacant because, you know, the requirement
10 because they have to go through a physical and drug
11 test, and sometimes the medical requirements,
12 they -- they would question, you know, some of their
13 health concerns, and -- and it takes time to get
14 some of these health concerns answered.

15 For example, there's a position that we just
16 filled on Molokai.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

18 MR. HELM: And it took that position as long as a year to
19 get that position filled just through -- just going
20 through the process of taking the physical and -- so
21 that -- that -- that might be it.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Is the process that the -- slowing
23 down of the process, is that with DPS, or is that
24 after DP S?

25 MS. HORCAJO: It's after -- it's actually on the, I guess,

1 front side or back side. For example, we have a
2 number of -- of individuals who once they apply,
3 they may not pass the drug test so then it has to go
4 out again and so that's the same position number
5 shows vacant but then we're recruiting with another
6 person.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mm-hmm.

8 MS. HORCAJO: The position that Zach or -- we have had in
9 other instances where positions -- a person has
10 passed their drug test, passed their criminal
11 history check and is now in their OccuMed, meaning
12 their physical; and if they have high blood
13 pressure, then they've got to go back in a month and
14 have their blood pressure rechecked again, so --

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

16 MS. HORCAJO: -- it takes a long time. So even though...

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I think you make a point on
18 that. Yeah, but it's hard to look at Park Caretaker
19 I, four vacancies, and you're requesting eight
20 additional so -- you know, that's a hard
21 justification. Okay, then -- then maybe our --
22 maybe our chart is wrong, then.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Can I interject?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: I think part of the problem is that when

1 we budgeted positions for 2007, we provided funding
2 for six months; and by the time the Department goes
3 out to recruit, it's six months.

4 So in other words, July, August, September,
5 October, November, December, so they start
6 recruiting in January. By the time the recruitment
7 is done, we're here today.

8 So I -- I think the Department's explanation
9 in -- in taking a long time is probably just that,
10 you know, we budget six months, and they don't move
11 until six months has lapsed.

12 And that's a problem that I -- I think not
13 only the Parks Department has but maybe all of the
14 departments. If you're going to go for a hard
15 position to fill, why not go recruit earlier so that
16 when six months come, you know, you're ready to
17 roll, so -- I -- I think that's part of the
18 explanation.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, I -- yeah, I understand your
20 explanation. I guess it differs in different
21 departments because my old position is already
22 filled, and I only left that at the end of December.

23 MS. HORCAJO: Mm-hmm.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So -- you know, and I know in the
25 Public Works, we didn't experience that same thing

1 of taking it that long to fill positions, so I'm
2 just wondering. But thanks for the explanation.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, thank you --

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Department.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- Member Medeiros.

6 MS. REVELS: Mr. Chair -- Mr. Chair, point of information?

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead, Gayle.

8 MS. REVELS: The vacancies on our -- the report that we
9 passed out are based off the vacancy report provided
10 by the Personnel Office on March 12th.

11 And in Parks especially, some of the positions
12 that are vacant on the vacancy report aren't
13 full-time positions, but those positions are added
14 up to reach the number in our Department.

15 We looked up each position number separately
16 so that I would make sure that I got half-time
17 positions at half-time.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mm-hmm, thank you. Member Johnson?

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, I think that I'm glad that
20 they're seeking as many of the positions as they
21 possibly can because they have been not adequately
22 staffed, and I hope your new recruitment and the
23 changing of these other positions -- I -- I hope it
24 works because our parks really are overutilized, and
25 they've been understaffed for a long time, so I -- I

1 -- I really look forward to next year seeing the
2 success.

3 That's -- I guess that's the only way that I
4 can express it, Mr. Chair, is we have to trust the
5 Department that they know what their needs are; and
6 basically, I'm supportive of putting money finally
7 into Parks.

8 MR. HELM: Okay. Councilmember Johnson, you know, we're
9 doing our best to try to fill these vacancies as
10 fast as we can and to be sure that we have the right
11 people in place.

12 And, you know, getting the right people in
13 place will make a big difference so there's a lot of
14 work ahead of us, but, you know, our goal is to get
15 these positions that have not been filled, filled as
16 soon as possible.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

18 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: In talking about filling vacancies
19 and physical -- preemployment physical concerns and
20 the time and expense involved, I'm kind of
21 interested in that because I know that many
22 companies, including some of our local ones that I'm
23 familiar with, have abolished that rule, and they
24 only do it where a physical is actually required for
25 the job, like in the case of a PUC driver where it's

1 required that you have to pass a physical
2 examination before you can drive because there's
3 certain physical limitations. Do we do this on
4 everyone?

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

6 MS. HORCAJO: The preemployment requirements do list each
7 class with a light, medium, or heavy classification.
8 In the case of our Park Caretaker Is, they are
9 required to lift a minimum of 50 pounds so there is
10 an OccuMed requirement that they meet prior to
11 employment, in addition to the drug test. So that's
12 part of -- it's called an OccuMed. I'm not sure
13 exactly -- Occupational Medical Report.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's a Bona Fide -- a Bona Fide -- I
15 can't remember the word, Occupational Qualification,
16 a BFOQ.

17 But, you know, in a lot of the positions,
18 there are really no physical requirements, and --
19 well, I shouldn't be talking about that. I'm sure
20 the County Personnel Department handles that, but I
21 find it a little strange that we still do physicals
22 on everyone.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member
24 Anderson? You're back just in time.

25 COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thanks. No questions.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, if you do have more
2 questions in regards to the A account, please
3 forward it to the Chair.

4 I know there is quite a bit of vacancies or
5 expansions that the Department is requesting. I'm
6 sure you have more questions; but if you could
7 forward those questions to the Chair, the Chair
8 would appreciate that.

9 We're going to the B account, Operating
10 Activity. Mr. Victorino? Starting on page 12-44.

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I see basically, you've break --
12 broken them down to various parks, you know, by East
13 Maui. Now again, just for clarification, for Parks
14 Department, East Maui is the Upcountry area, right,
15 not Hana, does not include Hana?

16 MS. HORCAJO: It does not include Hana, but it does include
17 from Baldwin Beach Park through Haiku to Hookipa
18 to -- right before Keanae and then Upcountry to
19 Haiku, Makawao, Pukalani, Kula, Sun Yet Sen.

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

21 MS. HORCAJO: It's a huge district, and three Park
22 caretakers currently take care of the whole Kula
23 area.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I think in reviewing most
25 of these, I didn't see any substantial changes.

1 Most of them fell pretty close in line what they
2 had spent -- or intended to spend this fiscal
3 budget.

4 So at this time, I'll pass, and don't see
5 anything I -- really catches my eye that would
6 con -- you know, be a concern. I just hope that
7 what you've budgeted for next year is enough,
8 especially for our districts like Hana and other
9 departments, you know, the outlying districts
10 because I've always had this concern that the dollar
11 we spend here in Wailuku, the same service will cost
12 a dollar and a half or so in Hana or in -- in -- in
13 South Maui and other places, right, Molokai, Lanai,
14 because of the distance and time, expense of sending
15 equipment or supplies to these outlying districts,
16 and they shouldn't be penalized by giving a dollar
17 to Wailuku and the same dollar to them.

18 So, so long as we keep that in mind and
19 Wailuku is taken care of very well in here, I'm
20 happy. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member
22 Medeiros?

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Department,
24 I -- I just want to ask about the Hana Parks
25 account, and -- so that account, the expenses for

1 that account are -- that's done in Hana. And --
2 and -- and the reports are sent back to you?

3 In other words, if the Hana Staff needs money
4 for Operations, they take it from this account and
5 then it's deducted, I guess, through the main
6 office?

7 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct. Our Rec technician out
8 there, Stanley Akoi, has his own accounts, and he
9 keeps track on a Quicken program of his expenditures
10 by index code.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So if you need to do BMR
12 work in Hana, does the materials, costs for that
13 person's work come out of the Hana account or come
14 under -- come out of a central account?

15 MS. HORCAJO: It comes out of their -- the district
16 account.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But Hana doesn't have a
18 BMR, so that person has to go in.

19 MS. HORCAJO: This last year, we had a half-time expansion
20 position for a half-time BMR in Hana. Previous
21 to -- in fact, I think that recruitment is currently
22 underway.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: To recruit another half-time?

24 MS. HORCAJO: No, to fill. The first one.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Fill the half-time?

1 MS. HORCAJO: That recruitment is underway. We did go
2 open. We didn't have anyone in-house to promote to
3 a half-time BMR position so that does take a little
4 longer, but all expenses that that BMR incurs comes
5 out of that district account.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thanks, Department. Thank
7 you, Chair.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
9 Johnson?

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Member Anderson isn't here, and I
11 don't know if she had a question about Ka Lima O
12 Maui. But anyway, on 12-49, if I understand what
13 you said earlier correctly, for the Ka Lima
14 contract, they had requested additional funding if
15 everything remained as it was in their current
16 contract and their scope of services.

17 And because we're looking at -- under 915152
18 791,980 and that remaining the same, are you stating
19 that they would actually have a different area where
20 they would be maintaining, they would be asked to do
21 that to help defray some of their expenses, or did I
22 misunderstand?

23 MS. HORCAJO: The current \$20,000 expansion request, I
24 believe, is for existing services. On another note,
25 just for your information, we are looking at trying

1 to work with Ka Lima and the Union to trade existing
2 service locations from beach parks and high use
3 parks to inland less used parks and switch our staff
4 around. It will take time, but that is the plan.

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. So I -- I did hear you
6 correctly, okay. That's fine. And then one other
7 thing, and this is just a general observation.

8 I see that West Maui Parks this year has, in
9 their Operations budget, I guess, just under a
10 million dollars, and South Maui Parks I-- I was
11 looking at -- where are they. South Maui Parks,
12 around 703,539.

13 Just as a general rule, do you look at the
14 overall Parks budget based on the number of parks,
15 do you look at it based on -- you know, because I
16 realize that, see, South Maui Parks also has the Ka
17 Lima contract.

18 So is that one of the reasons why their
19 budgeted amount is so much -- well, actually, a
20 couple hundred thousand less than West Maui?

21 MS. HORCAJO: It is, and South Maui does need to come up,
22 and those requests will as they get additional parks
23 come on, but that's a good justification.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

25 MS. HORCAJO: Also, the -- the expenses of the Lahaina

1 Civic Center are quite high.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And -- and -- I know, and --
3 and it's a heavily used facility because overall,
4 I -- I guess if you had to look at number of acres
5 of parks, you know, just comparing different
6 districts, I -- I would say probably South Maui has
7 more than West Maui does; and yet on the surface, it
8 looks like our district has a little bit more money.

9 But I guess, Mr. Chair, if you take and
10 consider the Ka Lima contract, you know, and take
11 that out, that -- you know, then that comes up much,
12 you know, more closely to what it should be.

13 MS. HORCAJO: And Pat Rocco just reminded me that also
14 Lanai -- oh. No, they have their own budget. Never
15 mind. Lanai's separate.

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. Yeah, Lanai's separate. But
17 anyway, I just -- you know, I look at that because a
18 lot of times these two areas, South and West, are
19 the most heavily used as far as visitors, and the
20 impact is so great on those parks.

21 And, I mean, just looking at the budget as a
22 whole, if you look at some of the other districts
23 like Central Maui, you know, \$1,625,318, you get a
24 different kind of impact, but I think it's helpful
25 to look at what the impact is on our overall

1 facilities and then make certain that we have
2 sufficient moneys allocated in the Operations
3 budget.

4 So I -- I have no problem with what you're
5 doing, but I just -- I think, too, the public, when
6 they look at allocations, particularly for South and
7 West, they're looking at the dollars contributed
8 particularly from the visitor industry and real
9 property tax, and they always question me about hey,
10 how come Central gets all the money and we, you
11 know, end up paying so much more? Because when you
12 look at it just on the surface, that's the way that
13 it looks.

14 But I have to be able to then justify what is
15 happening with our visitor, I guess, revenues, and
16 also what's happening with the real property tax
17 revenues because, you know, these are the areas that
18 we get complaints.

19 So hopefully with the new budget, though,
20 you'll be able to upgrade our parks in the visitor
21 areas as well, and hopefully, it will be -- will be
22 better. Thanks.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member
24 Baisa?

25 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. This will be my

1 last remarks on the Parks and Rec -- on the Parks
2 and Recreation budget.

3 First of all, I want to tell you that I think
4 it's wonderful that you're finally hopefully may get
5 what we need because our facilities really need
6 attention. And I think, you know, I feel very
7 comfortable, and I want to do as much as I can
8 because it's important.

9 It's not only important to our visitors, but
10 it's really important to our local families. You
11 know, people who cannot afford to take their
12 children to the Fun Factory or to take them to the
13 movies or wherever, Pizza Hut, take them to the
14 beaches.

15 In fact, when we were young parents, that's
16 where we took our children for the day, and it was
17 good, wholesome, recreation, so it's good for our
18 local families, too.

19 But I do have one last concern, and it hasn't
20 been mentioned today, and I hate to bring it up, but
21 I have to because I get it asked of me all the time,
22 and that is are we doing anything to recover control
23 of Kanaha Park?

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

25 MS. HORCAJO: I have been meaning to get an article out in

1 the newspaper about that because it's a huge
2 concern, and a correspondence just went to you,
3 Councilmember Baisa, and one is going to Mike
4 Victorino, and I should probably copy the whole
5 Council.

6 Kanaha Beach Park Action Plan, we are working
7 closely with the Mayor's Office, the Department of
8 Human Concerns, the Department of Environmental
9 Management in addressing -- in addressing the
10 concerns of Kanaha Beach Park.

11 The Homeless Task Force Team of which Zach is
12 a member -- if -- if you want additional
13 information, he can give you that, but is targeting
14 coming up soon.

15 We are currently making flyers for that beach
16 park, and we'll be going out shortly to address the
17 situation with the plan -- we have three phases in
18 the plan, and we will be looking at working with the
19 police to clear that -- that section beginning May
20 16th, so it's coming right up. We're working weekly
21 with the existing people at -- residing and visiting
22 in that area.

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'd like to thank you very much. I
24 know it's a tough situation and that these are our
25 people and we have to take care of them, but we also

1 have the people who want to use the park who are
2 really concerned that they can't.

3 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

4 MR. HELM: Yes, Councilmember Baisa, we are moving forward.

5 We are making progress. As Tamara says, you know,
6 there are different agencies and the Administration
7 as well. And of course, our Department are working
8 very diligently to try to, you know, tackle some of
9 the concerns.

10 And, you know, it's a very sensitive issue, as
11 we know, and we'll be taking it one step at a time.
12 And we've been meeting with the Homeless Task Force
13 on a regular basis to come up with a plan to handle
14 the homeless, as well as to improve the camping site
15 and possibly trying to look for another location, as
16 far as the camping site at Kanaha.

17 As you know, it's -- it's just a beautiful
18 area and that -- you know, that people enjoy going
19 to, but it -- you know, it, for the past two years,
20 has kind of lost some of the integrity and, you
21 know, people don't want to go there as much any
22 more.

23 So we -- we're very concerned, and we're, you
24 know, striving to improve the -- the -- the -- you
25 know, the park itself, so thank you.

1 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: All right, thank you, Zach.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Members, if
3 you do have more questions on the Details again,
4 submit it to the Chair, and we'll get a response
5 from the Department.

6 The last area, which is the Equipment area,
7 that's account C, I think the Director provided
8 us -- provided us with a lot of information in
9 regards to the replacements that are required for
10 the Recreation and Support Services. So at this
11 time, Member Victorino, any questions?

12 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I'm just glad that she's
13 asking for all these -- these replacement vehicles;
14 and hopefully, she gets all what she's asked for.
15 Thank you very much.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: All equipment. Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Medeiros?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Johnson?

22 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No questions.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. At this time, the

1 Chair would like to thank the Department for
2 enduring this morning, as well as this afternoon,
3 although you took us overtime.

4 I just want to commend the Department for
5 providing us with a lot of information in the
6 Department -- Department's needs, and hopefully with
7 all of these needs that you're requiring that, you
8 know, we see some results.

9 And that's all, you know, the taxpayers would
10 expect from the Department, as well as from the
11 County, you know, make sure we get some positive
12 results.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So thank you. At this time, I would
15 like to call on Lance to provide us with our
16 schedule for tomorrow.

17 MR. TAGUCHI: Chair Pontanilla, tomorrow's schedule has
18 been -- will be revised. I will be taking the
19 Office of Council Services first then...

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Victorino?

21 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You cannot leave yet.

22 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We're going to lose quorum. Come
23 back.

24 MR. TAGUCHI: Once again, tomorrow's schedule, we'll start
25 with the Office of Council Services, followed by the

1 Department of Water Supply.

2 Hopefully, we'll be able to take the
3 Department of Water Supply and its water rate study
4 prior to the -- actual Department Operations.

5 Please be aware that you have been distributed
6 the water rate study. It was distributed on March
7 15th through a document transmittal from the Chair.

8 Please bring that to the meeting tomorrow so
9 that when their presentation on the water rate study
10 will be given, you can take a look at that water
11 rate study.

12 And, I guess, tonight, there's a meeting at
13 the Wailuku, Kahului District at 6:00 p.m. at the
14 Kahului Community Center, and tomorrow is that South
15 Maui District meeting at Lokelani Intermediate at
16 6:00.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Members. At this time,
18 there's no announcement. I'll see you tonight at
19 6 o'clock at Kahului Community Center. This meeting
20 is adjourned. ...(gavel)...

21 **ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

22 **ADJOURN: 4:45 p.m.**

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