

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 23, 2004

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:06 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member (In 9:09 a.m.)
Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Member
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Member
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member

STAFF: Tamara R. Koller, Legislative Analyst
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary
Morris Haole, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Robert Carroll
Sheri Morrison, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Charmaine Tavares

ADMIN.: Danilo Agsalog, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor

OTHERS: Gladys Baisa, Executive Director, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Sally Raisbeck
Aimee Anderson, Director of Animal Control, The Maui Humane Society
Stacey Moniz, Representative, Maui Nonprofit Directors
Sandy Baz, Deputy Director, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Additional attendees (1)

PRESS: None

CHAIR HOKAMA: ...*(gavel)*... Let us bring this meeting to order. This is the Council's Committee on Budget and Finance.

... We are on the 23rd of April, 2004. We shall continue the ...

... 2005 Fiscal Year review process for the budget.

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ITEM NO. 1: FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET (C.C. 03-265)

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Before we do, we have request for testimony, Members, this morning. So first we shall all either turn off our . . little toys, put it on silent mode or vibrate mode.

NOTE: Pause.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Then, second, when your name is called, please come forward. . . identify yourself for the record. . . the organization you do represent, if any. You have three minutes at which time the Staff will inform you of that mark. And then we ask you to please conclude within a maximum one minute more.

. . . So the first person we have this morning is Ms. Baisa. Gladys Baisa, please?

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. BAISA: Good morning, Chair Hokama and Council Members.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Good morning.

MS. BAISA: My name is Gladys Baisa, and I'm the Executive Director of Maui Economic Opportunity, Incorporated. I'm here to share my thoughts on yesterday's discussion concerning the grants review process and line item funding for nonprofits. I strongly urge you to continue to make line item funding available to nonprofits because the current community partnership grant process is not a one-size fits all solution to the need to fund essential core services in Maui County. There are many reasons for my recommendation. Number one, the amount allocated to the community partnership grants is too small to address the budgetary needs of the larger organizations. Divided among 50 nonprofits and with a cap of 70,000 dollars per organization, it does not meet the needs of our community. Number two, a multi-purpose organization like MEO, which provides a menu of services, is limited by current GRC guidelines to only one application. That would mean that MEO would only be able to receive 70,000 dollars for all of our programs. Obviously, that would not work for us or other organizations with large needs. Number three, safety-net agencies providing core services are lumped in with all other applicants, and the Department of Human Concerns' priorities which have been developed by a Community Needs Assessment, are lost in the process as funds are thinly spread to fund as many requests as possible. The County Code, Chapter 3.36.080 states that programs offering Human Services shall be given first consideration over other requests. It also states that requests to continue existing programs shall be given first consideration over requests to initiate new programs. I am concerned that this law is often overlooked in decision-making by the GRC. I have actively participated in every serious look at the GRC since 1998. Many of the concerns

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expressed then still exist. May I respectfully suggest that before any changes are seriously considered, that another review of the GRC process be done and other alternatives that might work better be looked at. I share the frustration of my colleagues. . .the nonprofit directors. I share your frustration in trying to make a dollar out of 15 cents. Let's work together to develop a process for funding priority and core services that work. I offer my services and that of my colleagues. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Ms. Baisa. Members, questions for Ms. Baisa this morning on her testimony?

. . . Seeing none, thank you very much for your comments, Gladys.

MS. BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Next, we have Sally Raisbeck.

MS. RAISBECK: . . . Good morning, Members. Good morning, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

MS. RAISBECK: I came to. . .I'm learning about the budget process from watching these Committee meetings. And I am not sure whether the concern I have has already been taken care of. But it has to do with a supplemental appropriation for consultants to study water rates. . .and fees. Apparently, a supplementary appropriation is--you should have hard copy before you of my testimony.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And, Sally . . .

MS. RAISBECK: Excuse me.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Ms. Raisbeck, if I may . . .

MS. RAISBECK: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . interject? That will not be a consideration of what is on the agenda for today--

MS. RAISBECK: Oh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the supplemental consideration of the current year's budget--

MS. RAISBECK: I see. How . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: --for . . .

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MS. RAISBECK: I just--

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . for the Department's request--

MS. RAISBECK: Oh, yeah?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --to do a rate study--

MS. RAISBECK: It's . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and their consultant requirements.

MS. RAISBECK: . . . doing the rate study.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. Yes, that is not part of what is--

MS. RAISBECK: Oh . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: --within--

MS. RAISBECK: . . . okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --agendized meeting for today.

MS. RAISBECK: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I can tell you that. . . we are happy to notify you when this Committee does take up the request formally.

MS. RAISBECK: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm more than happy to have us put you on the list, Ms. Raisbeck.

MS. RAISBECK: Okay. Thank you. Sorry for misunderstanding.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, no, no. By all means. . . not a problem.

MS. RAISBECK: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

. . . Okay, Members, next we have Aimee Anderson.

NOTE: *Pause while Ms. Anderson approached the podium.*

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MS. ANDERSON: . . . Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Members. My name is Aimee Anderson. I'm the Director of Animal Control for The Maui Humane Society. I'm speaking on behalf of our Executive Director, Jocelyn Bouchard, she had to catch a plane last night to the mainland. So . . .we, too, are very concerned about some of the discussion we heard regarding line items versus the GRC. I can't put it better than Gladys put it--as far as sharing the same concerns. Obviously, if we were put under a grants-type program, it would be absolutely disastrous to the animal management program.

. . . We're . . .The Humane Society is literally split into to factions. One is the animal management program--which is solely dependent on County funding. It is not, we are not eligible in that business for Federal or State grants or other types of funding. We also have our nonprofit side which does not receive a penny from the County--and that has to do with our educational programs, our grant writing programs, our fundraising. . .and our supplemental spay/neuter programs. The County's funded spay/neuter program. . .spay/neutered 1,165 animals last year. Our sole-funded. . .nonprofit aspect spay/neutered 1,432 animals. So what we do with our nonprofit side is actually complement and enhance the existing animal management program that you folks fund. So I don't want to, to be anything but brief today. I know this has been a very long process for all of you. But I truly urge you to understand that there's some of us that simply have to remain line-itemed and I urge you to continue to support that. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Ms. Anderson. Any questions for the testifier this morning? Ms. Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: I have a question based on the, your testimony . . .*(laughter)*. . . and Gladys' testimony. I thought I was only asking a simple question yesterday of, of Alice Lee, but I . . .I guess it spread out through the nonprofit world that for some reason I was considering no line items in the budget for nonprofits. Is that the impression that was left with yesterday's discussion?

MS. ANDERSON: Somewhat that was a concern. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay. Was that via the newspaper? I didn't read the newspaper. I haven't read the newspaper for a month, I think.

MS. ANDERSON: Well, that's okay. I live in a cave, too.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

MS. ANDERSON: I, I don't read the paper. No, actually, that was based on some of the discussions we heard. There was just simply a concern since what agencies might continue being line-itemed weren't addressed--

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

MS. ANDERSON: --in particular that there was an overall concern. At least I can only speak for ourselves. . .that perhaps the line-item type system might be changed. . .for some of the nonprofits.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Were you here yesterday?

MS. ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay, you, you were listening to that?

MS. ANDERSON: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: And then you. . .you heard the answer that Alice gave me when I asked should we still consider line items for essential services? And her answer was "yes".

MS. ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, okay.

MS. ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Just to. . .you know, dispel any rumors out there that, you know, I initiated this discussion, but it was not in mind of, you know, we're going to say, hey, you know, throw everything at Grants Review Committee, we're not gonna do any line items. It was just getting information from Ms. Lee about what she felt on essential services and, and line items.

MS. ANDERSON: I appreciate that clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: But I appreciate your coming forward to, to testify.

MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Same for. . .well, I didn't ask Gladys that, but. . .uh. . .that's my, my feeling on, on this whole thing. And, and please don't set a big alarm off--

MS. ANDERSON: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: --in the community--

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AUDIENCE: . . .(laughter). . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: --about what we might or might not do.

MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: We appreciate that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any other questions for Ms. Anderson, Members?

. . . Seeing none, thank you very much for being here this morning. Next, we have. . .Stacey Moniz. Please?

NOTE: *Pause while Ms. Moniz approached the podium.*

MS. MONIZ: Good morning, Chair--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

MS. MONIZ: --Council Members. I'll try to talk fast 'cause mine is long. I handed out a copy in case I don't make it. Good morning, my name is Stacey Moniz, and I'm the President of Maui Nonprofit Directors. I'm here today to talk on behalf of the over 55 nonprofit member organizations in our collective to speak to the importance of funding for the programs represented in our membership. Not all of our members receive county funding, but I believe we all recognize the need to support those agencies who do. One of the stated goals in the current budget is, quote, to provide the highest quality of service of our community in the most cost-effective manner. To accomplish this goal, Maui County partners with nonprofit organizations who do provide the highest quality of service in the most cost-effective manner. The County recognizes this value and has chosen to partner with nonprofits to provide essential services to our community and. . .members and visitors alike. For example, the County could have its own Animal Management department, but it chooses to partner with The Maui Humane Society to provide these mandatory services. The County could choose to run its own homeless shelter, but chooses it partner with Ka Hale A Ke Ola and the Salvation Army and other agencies working with the homeless. Conversely, the County could choose to partner with a nonprofit to provide police services or a nonprofit fire department, but the choice has been made to make these public County departments. We all recognize the importance of the work done by the police and fire departments. I believe we need to equally recognize the value of the nonprofits in our community. It is a myth that Maui County gives money to nonprofits. The County partners with agencies to provide essential service and gets so much more for these services--dollar-for-dollar--than any other money

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put into the community. In fact, agencies funded by the County are held to a very high accountability standards. Imagine having to qualitatively and quantitatively. . . quantitatively justify every dollar you receive and spend on a quarterly basis to five or ten funding sources. Nonprofits effectively and efficiently help Maui County meet its stated goals. The County's stated vision is "Building a Better Community - to make the islands of Maui County the best islands in the world to live and to visit". There is no way the County can do this without partnering with nonprofits. We are the net that keeps residents safe, healthy, happy, fed, sheltered, sober, alive. Maui nonprofits keep our island beautiful, clean, pristine, and sacred for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. Maui County recognizes that you can't do this alone and has chosen for many years to partner with nonprofits to meet your stated goals. As President of Maui Nonprofit Directors, I am concerned about discussions around decreasing funding to services over the course of several years until agencies receive no County funding. I honestly cannot understand how the County would then continue its mission of "Building a Better Community" or meet the stated goals of protecting the health and safety of all people living in and visiting our islands, or promoting sustainable economic development, infrastructure necessary to ensure the most desirable quality of life for our residents and visitors. I encourage the County, in its entirety, to honor the fact that nonprofits are the infrastructure of this community. We do our jobs quietly in the background so that the average citizen, and certainly the visitor, may not see the valuable product we provide-- quality of life for the people of Maui County. The County needs nonprofits to achieve its goals, vision and mission. Again, its about partnering. Alone, we can do so little and together we can do so much. Thanks for letting me testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Moniz. Questions for the testifier this morning, Members?

. . . Seeing none, thank you very much for your comments--

MS. MONIZ: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --this morning, Ms. Moniz. Is there anyone else that wishes to provide testimony this morning before the Committee.

NOTE: Silence.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Seeing none, testimony is closed for the 23rd of April, 2004.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: For the record, let it state that this morning we have Mr. Carroll, Mr. Kane, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Mateo. . .Mr. Pontanilla, and Ms. Tavares. Excused are Mr. Molina and Mr. Nishiki. Members . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Before you, you get too much into what, whatever you're gonna do next, on the testimony that was submitted by Ms. Raisbeck--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: --can we just collect all of that and hold it for the. . .the time that this comes up for. . .through the budget for FY '04? Or do . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Staff--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . . do we have to--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that okay, Staff? Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: You know, rather than having, you know, a whole bunch of other copies made at the time that it does come up?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for that request. Yes, we'll do it that way. What the Chair's intention after we take care of the '05 consideration, then I will be happy to entertain. . .Department of Water Supply's request. . .which will be some time toward the. . .early, at the earliest, end of May, Members. . .that the Chair would be able to schedule. Any other things at this time?

. . . Okay, I did wanna share with you. . .that some of the parameters your Chair is working on with CIP. . .taking into consideration. . .near-future additional requests that would come should we consider certain initial funding, and then the requirement to come back and fund the great. . .greater portion or 90 percent more for, for considerations. I will be very upfront. . .I have. . .looked at maintaining the 20 million dollars in State Revolving Fund loans. The 10 million for water, I look at separately since it is an enterprise consideration and must be maintained within its own resources. I'm maintaining the ten for Public Works. And at this time, I am personally capping--for the Chair's draft version--13 million of General Fund.

. . . So you will see the Chair proposing a 33 million dollar CIP program. . .for the County.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Chair, could you review those numbers again?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Right now , I am looking at maintaining. . .the 10 million State Revolving Fund. . .consideration for Water--what I consider that slightly separate since it is a . . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . enterprise program. . .and will be paid back completely through water fees and revenues. I am including the 10 for Public Works, which is basically Wastewater projects throughout the County. . .mostly on Maui. And then I am capping just General Fund bonds, in my draft, at 13 million. Okay? And part of the reason is that until we can ensure that those departments that have special funds. . .can maintain their programs without transfers, I would assume as. . .I, I'm looking at it that those that look at our credits and everything else, our debt, would look at that 10 million for Public Works as part of the total consideration that impacts General Fund. So I add that to the 13 million of General Fund. . .considerations for this budget year.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Okay, Members, any other, are there any questions? I just wanted to be very upfront that as we work through this weekend, the Staff and I. . .I just wanted to give you. . .a sense of how I'm moving this draft forward and that Monday. . .that is basically what you will see--about a 33 million dollar CIP budget.

. . . And I am. . .doing my best to maintain fairness Countywide.

. . . Countywide. Tamara, is there anything else? I would like the Members to have more time to work on any considerations they have for us. Is there anything you can share with the Members at this time, please?

MS. KOLLER: . . . Thank you, Mr. Chair. I had to get my thoughts. We, just to let you know that we are waiting for some information from Finance on some of the information we requested yesterday for the breakout by real property, for the real property tax. When that's available, I'll let you know by either an e-mail message or, so that you can get copies of that. And. . .I think that's, that's all that I can think of, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Do we need to. . .be in recess or can we adjourn for the day? Any requirements you think the Staff may have of the Committee?

MS. KOLLER: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It is the Chair's preference--oh, I'm sorry, Ms. Johnson. Your comments?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I, I just wanted to advise that Parks should be returning from the conference today. So because they have actually almost as of the last meeting. . .they were leaving for the State conference. So I have been unable to get in writing any counterproposal with regard to the ocean rec. . .recommendations. But I will try by Monday to get that from Mr. Buck or from Mr. Correa so that we have something to present.

CHAIR HOKAMA: If you have, even if it's preliminary--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, Members, what you turn in, I consider as "working drafts". And therefore the Chair has, has not agreed to have it publicly disseminated. . .because I don't want confusion on the. . .that when we're ready, we will present the Chair's draft and, and all attachments. But I consider what you present to us as working drafts. And therefore, you know, at this point it is just for the Chair and the Committee so that we can work with you in case clarification is needed or revisions are needed. Uh. . .so if you have preliminary things--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --that, that can help us at least. . .make--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And I would--

CHAIR HOKAMA: --some adjustments, we would appreciate it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I will, Mr. Chair. I'll try to get that today from Mr. Buck. Just, I need to speak with him. And then what I can do is e-mail Tamara the information, and then Mr. Buck can follow up later on just confirming, you know, that or if he has another transmittal or some other proposal. The, the other question I had was with regard to the. . .let's say the actual physical appearance of the documents that we're used to dealing with at budget time. When we get to the portions of CIP. . .will you be making also recommendations within the capping that you're speaking about as to which projects should proceed on a priority basis, and then at least for our purposes and the general public's purposes, be. . .stating or have somewhere on that document shown what projects would not be funded under CIP?

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Well, we'll, we'll compare it against the Mayor's proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: So you will see when it comes from the Chair. And if there's a zero, obviously--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --it got cut.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And I, I just wanted to--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you'll be able to know which projects 'cause we are going to, as in the past years, we will list everything that was in the Mayor's proposal. And then there'll be a column. . .the Chair's proposal or recommendation to you, and then adjustments. What we will continue to do as. . .as. . .which is gonna be a little different since normally, you know, if there was something from you, would have a column that--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh, right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --says "Johnson", and then would list your things. Um. . .this year, we'll have a blank column, we'll leave a blank column. But if it's not in the Chair's recommendation, the Chair has, will always be open to allow. . .any Member to again, bring up their re. . .consideration that did not make the Chair's proposal for further discussion. And, again, we. . .we'll go through it by consensus at the beginning. We will not take votes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then. . .through the days of next week, we'll keep crafting and move toward the fine-tuning, and then eventually vote. I am hoping. . .Members. . .that we can finish decision-making next Friday. That's the Chair's intention. I ask that you clear your calendars for next week. We may see a lot of each other day and night.

. . . So please plan accordingly.

MS. KOLLER: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Tamara?

MS. KOLLER: I just--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Except for Tuesday . . . *(laughter)*. . . I'm sorry.

MS. KOLLER: That's okay.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Tuesday night we have public hearing.

MS. KOLLER: Right. There's a couple things. I forgot to mention that we have asked Public Works to prioritize their projects. And we've received a priority listing from Water yesterday. The other thing in regards to the proposal, just to . . .to provide a little bit more clarification is as you give us information of items that you either want, you know, added, deleted, whatever. . .if we have, we see multiple requests for the same one, that we will put that, that will go into the Chair's proposal. If it's only, if you, you know, if only one or two have that and there aren't, there isn't. . .doesn't appear to be, maybe, some consensus, we will have you. . .as we go through the Chair's proposal, then to bring up those items yourself. So it's a little bit different than, than. . .since we're working with one proposal. We're trying to get this first one to have as, as much. . .consolidated as we can. And we'll have a separate worksheet for capital for us to work off of. . .but with the focus that we will work on revenues first. . .on Monday morning.

NOTE: Silence.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Thank you for that comment, Tamara. Mr. Kane?

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I can. . .make a humble request of you as our Chair and to the Members that next week, except for Tuesday, if you could consider . . .

. . . even starting on Monday to go into the evening but. . .be willing to go to the 9, 10 o'clock hour. And that way, instead of taking off earlier on Monday and Wednesday and then Thursday and Friday if we're behind, we end up going 'til the morning hours. . .I, I would ask the Members to consider, and you especially, Chair, to consider not being afraid to push us earlier in the beginning of the week. That way, at the end it's not gonna hurt even more. So I don't know how the body feels, but. . .kind of being even, spreading it out even versus not spreading it out even. And anyway, it's just a, a humble request for consideration, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I think that is a very reasonable request. And--

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --again, I. . .I take into account the needs of the Staff also, to be able to make adjustments, corrections, and prepare for the next day. So, yes, we'll. . .Chair will do his best to pace us so that we can maintain a consistent level. Yes, Ms. Koller?

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MS. KOLLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, I just wanted to reiterate in relation to the schedule that we have, we need to be completed by Friday. . .because on Monday we will do the corrections in order to meet our posting deadline--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MS. KOLLER: --for first reading. So I. . .Council Members, Chair Kane's suggestion would be very appreciated.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Monday the 3rd. . .we have scheduled for that to be our day of corrections. Any adjust, last-minute adjustments. So. . .you have your schedules. . .please prepare accordingly. Ms. Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, just clarification on how this is gonna look. . .on the spreadsheet. So the. . .the items that we are turning in to you will appear or will it pass through the Chair first before it appears on the, on the. . .on the spreadsheet? Are you just, are you putting in everybody's request whether they. . .are, you know, balanced or not?

CHAIR HOKAMA: My intention was. . .in the past remember we had those big ones--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --because we had so many columns. This year, it is my intention to, one. . .put the Mayor, the original Mayor's submittal. . .then you will see a column for revision, and then you will see the third column that will be. . .from the Chair of the Committee. And then I will add another column if possible--we'll try and work it out--for Committee adjustments. And, and, and so by saying that. . .'cause interesting enough, out of some of the submittals that have come in, I'm asking that if you do not see one of things or. . .what is, you consider important and is not included in the Chair's version, I would ask that if it's important to any Member, to please bring it up again. . .if it didn't make the Chair's cut. 'Cause if you don't bring it up and you agree to--and that's why I would ask that when you do see the Chair's proposal on Monday, to look at it in its entirety. . .and then decide if you wanna make specific changes.

. . .And I, and I'm very open. I'm sure we will some additional changes. But I will be presenting to you what I think is a fair Countywide approach, not only for this year's needs, but preparation for following year's bigger requirements. So you will not see nine additional column, eight additional columns--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --with one for each Member.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay . . .(laughter) . . . Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Clear?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not clear?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: --it's getting clearer, but I . . .yeah, 'cause I'm trying to figure out the format for mine . . .(laughter) . . . for when we get into discussion, you know. So we . . .because there are things . . .there are things that I have submitted or will be submitting that are just bringing . . .bringing up points for discussion, not necessarily that I support . . .you know, the addition or the deletion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: But just for the point that they were brought up to us either at community meeting or something--so that we do afford some time for discussion of the various issues. And that's why I wanted to know if it was gonna get filtered or not. So . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Those things . . .I don't feel to . . .I just want, I would, I don't wanna use the word "filter" either, but it is the, this . . .yeah, the Chair will not . . .minimize anyone's ability to bring up whatever they want to.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: So if your budget proposal balanced?

CHAIR HOKAMA: It will be.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: It will be?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . Yes, the Chair will propose a balanced budget to you.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Pontanilla, questions for the Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PONTANILLA: No, no questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Mateo?

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Ms. Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. You know, just because, you know, like, now in hearing you talk with Councilmember Tavares, I'm . . . I'm still unclear. In your column, you may not reflect what has been recommended, let's say, to Council Services Staff, out of the recommendations or at least the discussion items. You may select, but you may not select some of those items. And then in the final column, which is the collective of everything that everybody put out there, is that all going to appear, or are only some of those things--based on the comments made by Tamara--going to appear? Because I specifically, when I asked another Member, if you're gonna introduce that or if you're gonna put it on the list, I won't put it on the list because I just wanted to make certain that some of the things, you know, that were left out were put back in.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Tamara, do we have . . . some room to adjust?

MS. KOLLER: I'm sorry if I confused things. What, what we will try to, what, we'll have everything on there.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. KOLLER: But from the standpoint of, of balancing it out, we're gonna have a balanced position for the Chair. If you are recommending the same thing as the Chair, that'll be included in the column that'll say "Chair".

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. KOLLER: May, we may put a note, a notation, you know, "JJ"--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. KOLLER: --"CT" to show that there were others that had that same one. If you had a separate recommendation in that area which the Chair is, was not in his, we will have it. And I'm not quite sure of the format right now because it's, we don't want it into the columns where it's gonna mess up the calculations, you know, then we'll be out of balance. But we will have the amount and the explanation. It's just that we're not gonna have this big spreadsheet. It might have more pages than what we would normally have, but not in a--

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And . . .

MS. KOLLER: --large format.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . . I appreciate that because now it's clearer to me about what will be there. My suggestion, Tamara, would be that if there were, let's say you might have a one asterisk and then perhaps a two asterisks so that if there was a recommendation or at least a raising of the issue by one Council Member, have like a little legend down at the bottom that says raised by, you know, one Council Member, and then maybe two asterisks for those raised by multiple Council Members. And I don't think, and as far as I'm concerned, it's not important for me to know who introduced, but just to know that there was more than one person who had recommended that that funding be included. And that may not even be . . .(laughter). . . necessary. But. . .thank you very much, and thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Kane?

. . . Mr. Carroll, questions?

. . . Okay. Anything else, Staff, for today?

. . . It is the Chair's preference to adjourn, Members, unless you folks have a need to go into recess and. . .return. . .for something. . .that the Chair has not anticipated.

. . . I think this will give you additional time to work on what you want to. And the Chair and Staff will be available.

. . . Okay, seeing no additional requests. . .at this time, this meeting for the 23rd of April. . .is adjourned . . .(gavel). . .

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (excused: MJM and WKN)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 9:43 a.m.

APPROVED:



G. RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
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