

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

February 15, 2005

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 1:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair (In 2:00 p.m.)
Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member (In 1:51 p.m.)
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

STAFF: Tamara R. Koller, Legislative Analyst
Richelle K. Kawasaki, Legislative Attorney
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary

OTHERS: Ezekiel Kalua, West Maui Taxpayers Association (Items 24 and 23)

PRESS: Harry Eager, *The Maui News*

CHAIR KANE: . . .(*gavel*). . . I'd like to call to order the Council's Budget and Finance Committee. This meeting is for February 15th, 2005. For the record, we have in attendance. . .Members Pontanilla, Mateo, Molina, Anderson, and Kane present. Excused are Members Tavares. . .Johnson. . .Carroll; and Vice-Chair of the Committee, Riki Hokama. Members. . .there is a request by a member of the public to testify on two items. The Chair, without objection, would like to honor that request because they are unable to stay. . .or what the intent of this Committee is to meet after the recessing, reconvening of the. . .Committee of the Whole meeting to finish up some unfinished business. With that, we do have Mr. Zeke Kalua, who has signed up to testify. And the Chair would like to recognize him. Mr. Kalua, the Committee's. . .rules regarding testimony, we provide you with a minute. . .excuse me, three minutes to testify with a minute to conclude. You have signed up for two items, so therefore, we'll be giving you separate times for each of those items. Please state your name for the record. And if there's people with cell phones or pagers, we ask for your consideration in putting it to the off or silent mode to avoid any unnecessary distractions. Good afternoon, Mr. Kalua.

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...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

ITEM NO. 24: DONATION FROM SVO PACIFIC, INC.; AND AMENDING FY 2005 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (KEAWE STREET EXTENSION) (C.C. No. 05-68)

MR. KALUA: Afternoon, Chair. Chair Kane, Members of the Committee, Council Members. . .thank you for the opportunity to testify. I promise to be brief. And I do apologize--under any other circumstances, I could stay, but today is a special day. I'm here to testify on behalf of Budget, Finance 24 and 23. My name is Ezekiel Kalua, Executive Director for the West Maui Taxpayers Association. We are in support of both of the budget numbers. Um. . .Federal projects such as the Lahaina Watershed Flood Control Project and the Lahaina Bypass are much needed projects on the West Maui area. They have been among the top three extreme problems that we have had for a number of years now. The acceptance of the budget amendment for the SVO consideration will definitely start the ball on the County-responsibility-end of the first phase of the Lahaina Bypass. Project due over 34 years, so we appreciate your consideration and support on that.

ITEM NO. 23: AMENDING FY 2005 BUDGET AND BOND BILLS (LAHAINA WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT) (C.C. No. 05-67)

MR. KALUA: In regards to Budget and Finance 23. . .same thing. You have commissioned Belt Collins, from Oahu, as of a year-and-a-half ago, to start updating the Lahaina Master Plan Drainage. And a big portion of the success of that upgrading of Lahaina is this project--the Lahaina Watershed Flood Control Project. On behalf of the WMTA, we support you 100 percent on it. And we'll get you additional support if needed. Other than that, thank you for the opportunity. Have a great day.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you, Mr. Kalua. Members, are there any questions for the testifier? Ms. Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Zeke. No apologies needed.

MR. KALUA: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Um. . .both of these items, are you aware of any changes to the environmental impact statements that were issued for both of these. . .projects?

MR. KALUA: We have not. We have not. . .*(inaudible due to interruption)*--

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So in other words, the Keawe Street Extension is as it stands in the environmental impact statement?

MR. KALUA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Same with the Lahaina Watershed project?

MR. KALUA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Any further questions for Mr. Kalua?

. . . Hearing none, Mr. Kalua, thank you very much.

MR. KALUA: Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Is there anybody else, at this point in time, that wishes to sign up to testify on the Budget and Finance Committee's agenda for this afternoon? Members, the Chair will be keeping testimony open so when we do reconvene at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole's unfinished business, the Chair will again announce if anybody wish. . .wishes to testify on any of the items.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR KANE: With that, Members, the Chair anticipates that the Committee of the Whole will need approximately an hour worth of, worth of time to conduct the business of that committee. Therefore, this Committee will stand in recess until 3 o'clock. This meeting is in recess . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 1:43 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:46 p.m.

CHAIR KANE: . . .(gavel). . . We would like to reconvene the Council's Budget and Finance Committee for a meeting dated February 15th, 2005. Members . . .

. . . the Chair is gonna ask Members, without objection, that all items listed on the agenda for February 15th will be deferred. . .and that the Chair's intention is to ask for your support in us having a posted agenda that will be posted tomorrow for a date of February 22nd. Staff is that correct?

MS. KOLLER: Yes.

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CHAIR KANE: February 22nd, which is Tuesday at 9 a.m., at which time we will take up all items listed on today's agenda. Are there any objections from the Members?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER PONTANILLA: No objections.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. So without objections, we will be deferring all items.

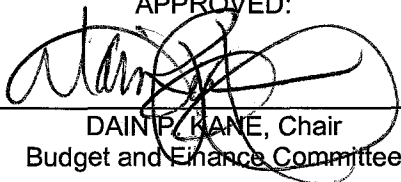
COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (excused: RC and CT)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR KANE: And with no further items to take up for this afternoon, this meeting is adjourned . . . (gavel) . . .

ADJOURN: 5:47 p.m.

APPROVED:



DAIN P. KANE, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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