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REGULAR MEETING
10TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to adjournment, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Chair and Presiding Officer, Tommy Waters, at 10:16 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Elefante, Fukunaga, Kia'āina, Say, Tsuneyoshi, Tulba, Tupola (via video conferencing), Waters – 9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests.

The following individuals testified via video conference:

1. Nanci Kreidman, Domestic Violence Action Center (M-391) (Support Resolution 21-149)
2. Huanli Hu (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)
3. Thomas Nichols, Pretika Corporation (M-402) (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)

4. Susan Yamada, Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (M-402) (Support Resolution 21-127, CD-1)
5. Cathy Lee, HPC Taskforce (M-391) (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
6. Colby Takeda (M-402) (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)
7. Dee Jay Mailer (M-391) (Support Resolution 21-149)
8. Georgia Thompson-West (M-391) (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
9. Krista Lunzer (Available for questions on Resolutions 21-139 and 21-140)
10. Nathan Bek (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)
11. Ben Godsey, ProService Hawaii (M-402) (Support Resolution 21-127)
12. David Suh, the United Korean Association of Hawaii (M-409) (Support Resolution 21-135)
13. Lesley Gabrielle (M-391) (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
14. Allen Uyeda (Support Resolution 21-127)

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 11:19 a.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Excused: Kia'āina, Tulba – 2.

15. Christina Wong (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
16. Amaku Ukpong (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
17. Angelica Prisciliano (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
18. Keisa Liu (General comment on Resolution 21-149)
19. Stanford Carr, Stanford Carr Development, LLC (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)
20. Kapua Medeiros (M-407) (Support Resolution 21-132)
21. Kevin Lye, Downtown Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 13 (D-489) (Oppose Resolution 21-148, CD1)
22. David Tanoue, R.M. Towill Corporation (Available for questions on Resolution 21-127)
23. Pane Meatoga III, Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (M-402) (Support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1)
24. Amber Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch (M-407) (Support Resolution 21-132)
25. Michael Lam (Available for questions on Resolution 21-127)

26. Yuklin Aluli (M-391) (Support Resolution 21-149)
27. Sarah Chinen (M-406) (Support Bill 26)
28. Esther Nowell (M-406) (Support Bill 26)
29. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support Resolution 21-127)
30. Carrie Ann Shirota (M-391) (General comment on Resolution 21-149)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Minutes of the 8th Session be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'AINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ORDER OF THE DAY

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION **RESOLUTION 21-149**

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANN BOTTICELLI TO SERVE ON THE POLICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Mayor Rick Blangiardi (General comment)
2. Ann Botticelli (General comment)

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that the Resolution will be referred to the Committee on Public Safety which she Chairs and noted that the public would like to know Ms. Botticelli's thought process on how some of the decisions she made in the past would relate to the decisions that she will make as a Police Commissioner. She stated that she looks forward to discussion in Committee.

Councilmember Kia'aina stated that she appreciated hearing the concerns from the community and that she supports the appointment of Ann Botticelli. She noted that she has known the appointee for 15 years and had the opportunity to work with her and appreciates her no nonsense approach on how she handles complicated matters. Councilmember Kia'aina stated that Ms. Botticelli's value system focuses on transparency and accountability and she is the kind of person that is needed on the Police Commission.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she looks forward to a robust conversation in the Public Safety Committee hearing. She suggested that the nominee should present a vision of what initiatives she would be pursuing as an appointee and address the questions raised by the testifiers. Councilmember Tupola encouraged Ms. Botticelli to let the public know her vision and direction as previous Police Commissioners did.

Councilmember Cordero thanked the nominee for being at the hearing and looks forward to discussion in the Public Safety Committee. She stated that as a Police Commissioner, one of the important roles is to select the new Police Chief and asked that the nominee consider the types and values of the person being sought for the position.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 21-149 to the Committee on Public Safety for further consideration.

Related communication:

M-391 Testimony on Resolution 21-149

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 21-150

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MATLIN TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Mayor Rick Blangiardi (General comment)
2. David Matlin (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero noted that she is not a member of the Public Safety Committee. She asked that the nominee present his goals and vision at the Committee hearing and also what his perspective is in seeking the next Fire Chief.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that she looks forward to hearing the nominee's perspective on how to engage the communities to move the City through the critical steps in making sure public safety is maintained and to expand and increase awareness of the issues that the communities are facing.

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked Mr. Matlin for agreeing to serve on the Fire Commission. She commented that if the nominee is confirmed, six of the seven commissioners will be male and urged the Administration to keep gender representation in mind for future appointments. Councilmember Kia'āina stated that a lot of rescue operations have been occurring on the Windward side and she looks forward to the nominee's confirmation process.

In response to Councilmember Tupola, David Matlin stated that he does not have a position on Resolution 21-48 but has been reading and preparing.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she looks forward to hearing his vision and contribution towards the Fire Commission.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 21-150 to the Committee on Public Safety for further consideration.

Related communication:

M-405 Testimony on Resolution 21-150

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 21-127 AND RESOLUTION 21-127, PROPOSED CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 197

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLAN REVIEW USE (PRU) PERMIT NO. 2009/PRU-3 AND REVISIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MANOA (UHM) CAMPUS AND CONSTRUCT THE ATHERTON MIXED-USE STUDENT HOUSING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER.

Councilmember Elefante moved that Committee Report 197 be adopted and Resolution 21-127 and Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 be referred to the Committee on Zoning and Planning. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Elefante noted for the record that he filed Disclosures of Interest with the City Clerk's Office (CC-270, CC-271, and CC-272).

Committee Report 197 was adopted and Resolution 21-127 and Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 referred to the Committee on Zoning and Planning.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TUPOLA, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

CC-237 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante
CC-238 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante
CC-250 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante
M-402 Testimony on Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION COMMITTEE REPORT 198

RECOMMENDATION ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 17-44.

Councilmember Elefante moved that Committee Report 198 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Elefante stated his support of the Resolution. He noted that the challenges of the Planning Commission are to get quorum and to find citizens willing to volunteer their time and energy to participate. Councilmember Elefante stated that the Council has the opportunity to make history in a positive way by recommending further specific requirements in the areas of Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. He noted that all councilmembers feel it is important to have citizens with a diverse background on the Planning Commission. He stated that if the recommendation is approved, a Charter amendment by resolution will be provided and the voters will have the opportunity to vote on how they want to see the Planning Commission in the future.

Committee Report 198 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-174 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante

CC-177 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante

M-404 Testimony on CR-198

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 26, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 184

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FEES.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 184 be adopted and Bill 26 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 184 was adopted and Bill 26, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-498 Department of Transportation Services

M-406 Testimony on Bill 26, CD1

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 27 – COMMITTEE REPORT 194

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMITS.

Councilmember Elefante moved that Committee Report 194 be adopted and Bill 27 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi thanked Chair Elefante for continuing the work on the Bill and Councilmember Kia'āina for co-sponsoring the measure with her. She stated that special management areas in various districts and communities can bring concerns to communities when they are made aware that something is happening in their area. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi reiterated that the Bill is to ensure that the area community groups, such as the neighborhood boards, have the opportunity to know about what is planned in their community before it is approved. She thanked everyone for their continued support.

Committee Report 194 was adopted and Bill 27 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-490 Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31
M-401 Testimony on Bill 27

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 2, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 206

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING FEES AND SERVICES BY AMENDING ARTICLES 1 AND 5 RELATING TO PUBLIC SEWERS.

Councilmember Fukunaga moved that Committee Report 206 be adopted and Bill 2 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 206 was adopted and Bill 2, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 33

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 STATE FIRE CODE.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 33 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 33 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-139, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 186

RESOLUTION APPROVING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ENTER INTO A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GARDEN & VALLEY ISLE SEAFOOD FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 225 NORTH NIMITZ HIGHWAY, UNIT 3, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY 1-5-008-020.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 21-139, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 186 and Resolution 21-139 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Say moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Say explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 21-139 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 186 and Resolution 21-139, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-140, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 187

RESOLUTION APPROVING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ENTER INTO A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HIGA MEAT & PORK MARKET LTD. FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 225 NORTH NIMITZ HIGHWAY, UNIT 2, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY 1-5-008-020.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 21-140, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 187 and Resolution 21-140 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Say moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Say explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 21-140 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Committee Report 187 and Resolution 21-140, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-141, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 188

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO ISSUE AND SELL IN ONE OR MORE SERIES NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR FINANCING THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN CERTAIN CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU SPECIFIED IN SUCH CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCES.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 21-141, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 188 and Resolution 21-141 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Say moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Say explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 21-141 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi noted that she previously voted with reservations for Resolution 21-141 because it includes general improvement bond funds that have to do with capital improvement budget specific to the City. She stated that her concerns for approving the bond floats are that information that was requested for the final budget amounts for the project, final deadlines for the project, and how the project is going to be moved forward was not received. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that the only option to hold the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) accountable is to stop floating bonds whenever they ask. She noted that another issue she has is relating to the City's debt ceiling limits. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that the long-term financial obligations does not only affect us but it affects future generations. She stated that she will vote with reservations on Resolution 21-141 and in opposition to Resolutions 21-142 and 21-143 because the project is not going to be without a revenue source.

Councilmember Say explained the amendment to Resolution 21-141. He stated that Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's comments in regards to this measure was taken into consideration.

In response to councilmembers, Andrew Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that:

- BFS will determine how well the bonds sell over the next month. He projects that the City will be borrowing at less 2 percent across the series of bond issuances. He stated that the City will borrow only what they need to keep the capital projects going and to meet their commitment for HART.
- In terms of issuance of bonds, the full amount is not always borrowed.
- He will keep the Council updated on any changes that are made regarding the bonds.
- Resolution 21-141 is the General Obligation bonds for the City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) which includes the budget for the Administration and each councilmember's district. It also includes \$26 million to refund tax exempt commercial paper.
- Resolution 21-142 is the bond float for HART and is subject to the Memorandum of Understanding requiring that HART use general excise tax (GET) and transient accommodations tax (TAT) proceeds to reimburse the City for debt service.
- Resolution 21-143 is part of the series to cover the \$214 million required by the recovery plan.

- After obtaining input from the underwriter, bond counsel, the Acting Treasurer, the Deputy Director of BFS, Treasury staff and the Corporation Counsel, he determines the amount of each bond sale.
- The debt ceiling is 15 percent of the assessed valuation of all City property. The City's assessed valuation is about \$255 billion and 15 percent of the assessed valuation of all of City properties is about \$36 billion, which is the legal limit in terms of what the City is capable of borrowing.
- He stated that the City wants to make sure that based on current levels of revenue for HART, the GET and TAT, and expenditure needs that the City is well within its debt service limit.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi thanked the BFS Director for his oversight and for making sure that the City is fiscally responsible, accountable, and transparent moving forward. She stated that what happened previously led to concerns from the general public and from councilmembers who have followed the process and questioned why the same things seem to keep happening. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that she looks forward to Director Kawano's leadership because it could impact future generations of taxpayers, mayors, and councilmembers who will need to budget for other very critical projects.

Councilmember Say stated that he appreciates Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's point of view. He explained that when the operating budget was adopted, he shared that the three biggest expenses were salaries, post-employment and pension employee benefits, and debt service. Councilmember Say stated that he was happy that Councilmember Tsuneyoshi brought up questions so that the general public could listen to an open, honest and transparent discussion. He noted that the Council did not approve HART's CIP budget request and reduced the amount to \$1.4 billion. Councilmember Say stated that a letter was sent to the Mayor indicating the Council's three priorities for the use of rescue monies: (1) homelessness; (2) affordable housing, workforce housing, low income housing; and (3) stream cleaning.

Committee Report 188 and Resolution 21-141, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI*,
TULBA*, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Tsuneyoshi and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-411 Testimony on Resolution 21-141

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 21-142 – COMMITTEE REPORT 189

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO ISSUE AND SELL IN ONE OR MORE SERIES NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO FINANCE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 189 and Resolution 21-142 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

(Note: See Resolution 21-141 for comments)

Committee Report 189 and Resolution 21-142 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA – 3.

Related communication:

M-412 Testimony on Resolution 21-142

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 21-143, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 190

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO ISSUE AND SELL IN ONE OR MORE SERIES NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR FINANCING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 21-21 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CAPITAL COSTS OF THE HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 21-143, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 190 and Resolution 21-143 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Say moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Say explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

(Note: See Resolution 21-141 for comments)

Resolution 21-143 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Committee Report 190 and Resolution 21-143, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.

NOES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA – 3.

Related communication:

M-413 Testimony on Resolution 21-143

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-48, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 195

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 21-48, CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Elefante moved that Committee Report 195 and Resolution 21-48, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

Councilmember Fukunaga moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi. Councilmember Fukunaga explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Battalion Chief Kevin Mokulehua, Honolulu Fire Department (Support CD1 version)

In response to councilmembers, Battalion Chief Kevin Mokulehua, Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) stated that:

- The intent of the Public Infrastructure Map (PIM) is for HFD to establish the general area for a fire station symbol to plan for a future location. The HFD identified some areas that they were interested in and is continuing to research those areas. The goal of the PIM is for the HFD to open up future funding for a station.
- The timeline for construction of a new fire station is at least ten years out. Currently, Waialua Fire Station is currently in the queue. The HFD hopes that if Resolution 21-48 is adopted, they will be able to start the process for a new fire station.
- Floor Draft 1 recommends that the HFD meet with the community through a public hearing and then do a follow up report. Presently the HFD had conversations via email with Kevin Lye of the neighborhood board and discussed establishing a collaborative effort with the community to make sure they are in agreement.
- He would defer to the Office of Housing regarding the relocation of homeless services and free food distribution sites in the Floor Draft 1.
- The HFD had four meetings, three with neighborhood boards and one with Councilmembers Fukunaga and Cordero and will continue to collaborate with the community. He stated that the HFD meets with neighborhood boards each month to provide information, stats, and fire safety tips and informing them of this project is in addition to those meetings.
- The current fire station is approximately 9,000 square feet and is listed as a national historic location. The park next to the station is not conducive or a viable option for a future fire station due to the shape of the park.

- The HFD understands the community's concerns regarding the relocation of the fire station and having trucks in other areas. The HFD's concern is for the safety of the firefighters and community members. He stated that the HFD can do a better job collaborating with the community.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she does not support the proposed Floor Draft. She noted that the HFD already and willingly continues to work with councilmembers and the community. Councilmember Cordero stated that the conditions and/or requests that are in the Resolution are valid and should be required but is inconsistent with the PIM process. She stated that she will vote no on the Floor Draft.

Councilmember Elefante stated that he is also in opposition to the proposed Floor Draft. He noted his appreciation to Councilmember Fukunaga for her advocacy for her community and to the HFD for having dialogue with the community. Councilmember Elefante explained that a PIM amendment is intended to notify the community that the City will be placing a government service in the area. He agreed that it is important to take action by collaboration, communication, and coordination. Councilmember Elefante urged councilmembers to support the posted CD1 version of Resolution 21-48.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi voiced her support for the proposed Floor Draft 1. She stated her vote of support for Councilmember Fukunaga who represents the area and continues to be very engaged with her community and provide a voice for her community. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that the Floor Draft 1 is a good way to put into real terms and language the request for the continued collaboration by the HFD. She noted the concerns and comments from Councilmembers Cordero and Elefante.

Councilmember Fukunaga stated that the presentations made by the HFD to the neighborhood boards has intensified the level of opposition by the Downtown Chinatown community. She noted that during the March 24 meeting, Zoning and Planning Chair Elefante deferred action on the Resolution partly in response to over 106 signatures in opposition to the Resolution. In June there were 176 signatures in opposition and presently there are over 250 signatures in opposition. Councilmember Fukunaga stated that the record demonstrates that the people are becoming increasingly frustrated because they do not feel like their concerns are being heard. She urged councilmembers to support the proposed Floor Draft 1 as a means to get a report to be used for future Council decisions.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she sees both sides of the argument. She supports Councilmember Fukunaga making sure the community voices are heard and that there is an overwhelming amount of opposition to the Resolution.

Resolution 21-48, CD1 failed to be amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI – 2.

NOES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 7.

In response to councilmembers, Battalion Chief Kevin Mokulehua, Honolulu Fire Department stated that:

- The HFD supports the passage of Resolution 21-48 in its current CD1 form. They would like to get started as soon as possible because of the lengthy planning process.
- The HFD can involve the community in looking at options in the area but at this time there is no detailed plan as to when the planning will start.
- The HFD is committed to meeting with the community. The plan is to meet with Downtown Chinatown as well as Kalihi-Palama and Nuuanu-Punchbowl.

The Chair stated that the motion now on the floor was to adopt Committee Report 195 and Resolution 21-48, CD1.

Committee Report 195 and Resolution 21-48, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WATERS – 5.

NOES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.

Related communications:

D-489 Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 31

D-504 Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 31

M-403 Testimony on Resolution 21-48, CD1

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-132 – COMMITTEE REPORT 202

RESOLUTION RENAMING WAIMĀNALO BAY BEACH PARK TO HŪNĀNĀNIHO.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 202 and Resolution 21-132 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'aina thanked Parks Committee Chair Tulba for his leadership on the measure. She stated that the Resolution is to rename Waimanalo Beach Park to honor the people and 'ike of Waimanalo, the Hawaiian culture and language, and the ancestors and iwi kupuna. Councilmember Kia'aina shared how important this Resolution is to her and that she appreciates everyone's help and support.

Councilmember Tsuneyoshi thanked Councilmember Kia'aina for introducing the Resolution and to Parks Chair Tulba for moving it forward. She stated that when she was the Parks Committee Chair, she was happy to stand in support with the Waimanalo community for Save our Sherwoods and to make sure that people showed respect for the culture. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi stated that she sees this as the next step to maintain and highlight the significance of the place, and to make sure that we honor the 'ike and the wisdom and to help others understand what has gone before and what is being done now to maintain and perpetuate the park.

Committee Report 202 and Resolution 21-132 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'AINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-407 Testimony on Resolution 21-132

RECOMMITTAL TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
RESOLUTION 21-133 – COMMITTEE REPORT 203

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ESTABLISH A MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR CITY-OWNED PARKS AND FACILITIES.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 203 and Resolution 21-133 be recommitted to the Committee on Parks and Community Services. Seconded by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 203 and Resolution 21-133 were recommitted to the Committee on Parks and Community Services.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-410 Testimony on Resolution 21-133

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-135 – COMMITTEE REPORT 204

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK TO ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE (NOVEMBER 1999).

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 204 and Resolution 21-135 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 204 and Resolution 21-135 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-409 Testimony on Resolution 21-135

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-134 – COMMITTEE REPORT 207

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT.

Councilmember Fukunaga moved that Committee Report 207 and Resolution 21-134 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 207 and Resolution 21-134 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-408 Testimony on Resolution 21-134

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no balance of committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-152

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SKATEBOARDERS IN HAWAII.

Resolution 21-152 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Parks and Community Services.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 21-152 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 21-152 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

CC-261 Councilmember Augie Tulba

APPROVAL
COMMUNICATION D-333

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF SEWER EASEMENT 399 AND 400 FOR PUBLIC USE IN WAIANAE. (MAKAHA VALLEY – JADE STREET EASEMENTS)

Communication D-333 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Communication D-333 which approves and accepts the grant of easement documents, effective as of the date of recordation at the Bureau of Conveyances be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Communication D-333 was approved.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

CC-264 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga

APPROVAL
COMMUNICATION D-336

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF DEED CONVEYING ROADWAY LOTS 19696, 19697, AND 19698; GRANT OF DRAIN EASEMENTS 10852 AND 10856; AND GRANT OF SEWER EASEMENT 10857 FOR PUBLIC USE IN EWA. (EWA BY GENTRY, AREA 40 PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION)

Communication D-336 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Communication D-336 which approves and accepts the grant of easement documents, effective as of the date of recordation at the Bureau of Conveyances be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Communication D-336 was approved.

AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

CC-263 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Managing Director Danette Maruyama updated the Council on the new Youth Commission. She stated that the program will start August 2021 and be housed within the Managing Director's Office. She noted that the Youth Commission will consist of 15 commissioners; the Mayor will appoint six commissioners and each councilmember has the ability to appoint one commissioner. Deputy Managing Director Maruyama stated that the Youth Commission will follow the sunshine law, proper procedures, ethics and other

aspects of formal proceedings and Andrew Malahoff of the Managing Director's Office will oversee the Commission. She noted that the deadline to submit applications is Friday, July 16. She thanked the Department of Information Technology, the Department of Human Resources, the Neighborhood Commission Office, Chair Waters' office, the councilmembers, and the youth in the community who have helped put together the process.

Chair Waters stated that this is good news and that the councilmembers should encourage the young people in each of the Council districts to apply.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:48 p.m., Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola and there being no objections from the 9 members present, it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED:

August 11, 2021