



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

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INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU STATE OF HAWAII

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
12 NOON

Note: A copy of the video of the full proceedings of this meeting may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at 768-5822.

The Councilmembers of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, assembled in the Council Chamber, City and County of Honolulu, and were called to order by Chair Tommy Waters, at 12:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers and Councilmembers-elect present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Say, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters – 9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Vice-Chair Kia'āina introduced the following special guests:

- Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi
- Governor Josh Green
- Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke
- Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald
- State Prosecuting Attorney Steven Alm

- Managing Director Mike Formby
- Hawaii Island Council Chair Heather Kimball
- Hawaii Island Councilmember Ashley Kierkiwicz
- Hawaii Island Councilmember Sue Lee Loy
- Kauai Council Chair Mel Rapozo
- Kauai County Vice Chair Kipukai Kualii
- Former City and County of Honolulu Council Chair Todd Apo
- Senator Brandon Elefante
- Senator Kurt Fevella
- Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
- Senator Michelle Kidani
- Senator Donna Mercado Kim
- Senator Tim Richards
- Representative Dave Alcos
- Representative Corey Chun
- Representative Diamond Garcia
- Representative Andrew Garrett
- Representative Darius Kila
- Representative Sam Kong
- Representative John Mizuno
- Representative Jackson Sayama
- Representative Sean Quinlan
- Representative Adrian Tam

Each Councilmember was called upon to introduce their special guests.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii asked the elected Councilmembers to rise for the Oath of Office:

THE HONORABLE TOMMY WATERS
THE HONORABLE TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM
THE HONORABLE VAL A. OKIMOTO
THE HONORABLE MATT WEYER

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

The Chair announced that there will be a short recess while the Certificates of Oath of Office were being officially signed and recorded.

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 12:26 p.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-294

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Resolution 22-294 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Zhizi Xiong, CARES (M-0002) (Support)

Councilmember Kia‘āina stated that it has been an honor to serve alongside of Chair Waters. She noted that under Chair Waters’ leadership the Council navigated through the pandemic by appropriating \$95 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for Fiscal 2023 budget; which has been added to the City’s affordable housing portfolio. Councilmember Kia‘āina stated that historic preservation policies were prioritized, the residential neighborhoods were protected from over commercialization, and updates to major planning documents like the Oahu General Plan, Communities Sustainable Plan, and the Transit Oriented Development Plans were finalized. She noted that she anticipates that under Chair Waters’ leadership the Council will update the Land Use Ordinance, continue to seek a balance between commercial activities and protection for residential communities, update the shoreline setbacks and special management area laws, and provide some property tax relief to the residents while still balancing the budget.

Councilmember Cordero thanked councilmembers for their consideration of the Resolution. She stated that the past two years have been a great experience and opportunity working with the leadership which encouraged her to speak up for her community and her office team. She noted that she looks forward to continuing to work with the leaders and councilmembers.

Resolution 22-294 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 22-295

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 22-295 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-0001) (General comments)
2. Choon James (M-0001) (General comments)
3. Zhizi Xiong, CARES (M-0001) (General comment)

Resolution 22-295 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Chair Tommy Waters' opening message touched upon the following:

- Working together with the Legislature, the counties, the construction industry, and the private sector.
- Solving issues of crime, affordable housing, homelessness, climate change, municipal waste, and sprinklers in condominiums.
- The Council's kuleana is to malama, care and protect the island and its people.
- Being thoughtful, considerate and working hard and making decisions based on science, data, and facts.
- Guarding our clean drinking water.
- Thinking about where the next landfill will be.
- Upgrading the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant to secondary treatment.
- Affordable housing, homelessness, modernizing City facilities, combating climate change, and upgrading City parks.
- Working together with the City Administration to reduce vacancies and modernize our work force.
- Members will conduct themselves with the highest degree of aloha and integrity.

MAHALO

The Chair thanked Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Tyler Iokepa Gomes, and Mehanaokala Hind. He also thanked the students from Castle High School's Future Farmers of America who provided the native Hawaiian plants.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:57 p.m., Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero 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:

January 25, 2023