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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

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REGULAR MEETING
2ND SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

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 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was called by Chair Waters to honor former City Council Chair Ron Menor who passed away from an unexpected medical emergency. He noted that he was an attorney by trade but always advocated for his community and he also volunteered on many boards and non-profits; he was also a State Senator and State Representative.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Cordero welcomed former State Senator Clarence Nishihara, neighbors, community advocates and leaders, members of the City Administration, Commissions, Boards, and Department appointees to the Council Chamber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Minutes of the 29th and Inaugural Sessions be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

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

NOES: None.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-274 – COMMITTEE REPORT 12

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BUTCH GALDEIRA TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 12 and Resolution 22-274 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individual testified:

Butch Galdeira (General comment)

Committee Report 12 and Resolution 22-274 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 22-286

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAWN E. TAKEUCHI APUNA TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director Designate, Department of Planning and Permitting (General comment)
2. Chu Lan Shubert Kwock, Chinatown Business and Community Association (Support)
3. Angela Young (Support)
4. Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply (D-51) (Support)

Councilmember Weyer stated that at the neighborhood board meeting, there were multiple praises and thanks from the community for the work that Director Designate Apuna is doing.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 22-286 to the Committee on Zoning for further consideration.

Related communication:

M-35 Testimony on Resolution 22-286

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 22-289

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DOMINIC H.K. MILLES TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Haku Milles, Director Designate, Department of Design and Construction (General comment)
2. Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply (D-52) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero stated her strong support for the nominee. She welcomed councilmembers to join the Budget Committee hearing for further discussion of the appointment and the Department of Design and Construction.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 22-289 to the Committee on Budget for further consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 25 (2021), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 4

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANTI-BIAS AND INCLUSION POLICY.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 4 be adopted and Bill 25 (2021) pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Florencio Baguio, Jr., Assistant Director, Department of Human Resources (Support)
2. Denise Tsukayama, Equal Opportunity Administrator, Department of Human Resources (D-47) (Support)
3. Angela Young, CARES (M-39) (Support)

Committee Report 4 was adopted and Bill 25 (2021), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-39 Testimony on Bill 25 (2021), CD1

THIRD READING
BILL 52 (2022), CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 9

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BULLYING OF YOUTH.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 52 (2022), CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0052/1/24/2023 11:02 AM)

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 9 be adopted and Bill 52 (2022) pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Bill be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0052/1/24/2023 11:02 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Tulba. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Tulba for his work on educating the community on bullying. She noted that bullying is a concern especially on the west side and it affects the mental health, self-esteem, and academic success of the youth. Councilmember Tupola stated that she is grateful for the measure so that everyone can work collaboratively to do more.

The following individuals testified:

1. Mahealani Sims-Tulba, Be Respectful and Value Everyone (M-34) (Support)
2. Angela Young (Support)

Councilmember Tulba stated that he is in full support of the measure and thanked the Administration for their support. He noted that he is looking forward to seeing the policy implemented. Councilmember Tulba stated that the measure lets the communities know that the City will not tolerate bullying in any City programs and also lets the youth know that they are protected. He also stated that the Bill will give City staff administration guidelines to help intervene in suspected incidents of bullying in youth programs. Councilmember Tulba shared how his family has been bullied and because of that his daughter started a non-profit organization called Be Respectful and Value Everyone (B.R.A.V.E.).

Bill 52 (2022), CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0052/1/24/2023 11:02 AM)

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

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

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

NOES: None.

Committee Report 9 was adopted and Bill 52 (2022), CD1, FD1 passed third reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-34 Testimony on Bill 52 (2022), CD1

FIRST READING

BILL 59 (2022)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Bill 59 (2022) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Roy Nakamura (Oppose)
2. Tim Garry (General comment)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-29) (General comment)

Bill 59 (2022) passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-29 Testimony on Bill 59 (2022)

FIRST READING

BILL 60 (2022)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Bill 60 (2022) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-23) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she appreciates Councilmember Say's initiative on the Bill but has concerns because she has eight credit unions in her district. She noted that her concerns are about how it will affect loans, borrowing, and home ownership and stated that she looks forward to resolving those concerns and more discussion in Committee.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that he will be voting with reservations on the Bill.

Councilmember Cordero filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-14).

Bill 60 (2022) passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

*Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-23 Testimony on Bill 60 (2022)

FIRST READING

BILL 61 (2022)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 61 (2022) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Jim Tree (M-32) (General comment)
2. Racquel Achiu (M-32) (General comment)

Councilmember Weyer stated that he is hopeful that the Council will look at some of the Bills that were proposed earlier regarding increasing the exemptions and the tax relief mentioned by the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she has questions on the proposed changes in Bills 61 and 62. She reiterated that she continues to be concerned on how the property tax valuations may be affecting the elderly constituents and those on the low income scale.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she looks forward to having a robust conversation on home exemption and property tax credit measures in the Budget Committee hearing.

Bill 61 (2022) passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-32 Testimony on Bill 61 (2022)

FIRST READING

BILL 62 (2022)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 62 (2022) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-30) (General comment)
2. Jim Tree (M-30) (General comment)

See Bill 61 (2022) for comments by Councilmember Kia'āina on Bill 62 (2022).

Bill 62 (2022) passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-30 Testimony on Bill 62 (2022)

FIRST READING
BILL 1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 1 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 1 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 22-288 – COMMITTEE REPORT 1

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 1 and Resolution 22-288 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (Support)
2. Ian Santee, Deputy Director, (M-37) Honolulu Emergency Services Department (Support)

Committee Report 1 and Resolution 22-288 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 22-292 – COMMITTEE REPORT 2

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 2 and Resolution 22-292 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 2 and Resolution 22-292 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 3

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REPROGRAMMING OF EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S TWENTY-SIXTH (26TH) YEAR ACTION PLAN.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 3 and Resolution 23-1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

Committee Report 3 and Resolution 23-1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 22-263, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 312(22)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF THE COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS PROCESS TO AWARD A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT ("LEASE") FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A COMMUNITY CULTURE AND ARTS CENTER IN THE CHINATOWN GATEWAY PLAZE (TAX MAP KEY NO. (1) 2-1-002: 038) AND AUTHORIZING A TEN-YEAR LEASE TERM, WITH OPTIONS FOR THREE FIVE-YEAR EXTENSIONS TO THE LEASE.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 312(22) and Resolution 22-263, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Sandra Pohl, Executive Director, Downtown Art Center (Support)
2. Chu Lan Shubert Kwok, Chinatown Business and Community Association (General comment)
3. Anne Marie Duca (M-24) (General comment)

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked the Department of Land Management and their team. She stated that Chinatown impacts everyone and she looks forward to the project being started.

In response to Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam, Catherine Taschner, Deputy Director, Department of Land Management stated that the operator will be selected through a competitive sealed bid. She stated that a request for proposal solicitation will be used where the City will identify the things they are looking for, then those qualified operators will submit their proposal, and then a panel will consider and select the operator. She stated that the panel will have representation from the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Enterprise Services, the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, the Department of Land Management, the Department of Transportation Services, and the Office of Economic Revitalization.

Chair Waters stated that he visited the space and encouraged councilmembers to visit the site as well. He also asked councilmembers to inform their communities about this project and encourage them to put in a bid.

Committee Report 312(22) and Resolution 22-263, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-24 Testimony on Resolution 22-263, CD1

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
RESOLUTION 22-291, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE KEAWALAU AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY PROJECT IN WAIPAHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 5 and Resolution 22-291, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Clarence Nishihara (Support)
2. Moe Mohanna, Highridge Costa (Support)
3. Walter Thoemmes, Kamehameha Schools (M-25) (Support)
4. Kenna Stormogipson, Hawaii Appleseed (M-25) (Support)
5. Stacy Iler, Hawaii Appleseed (Support)
6. Preston Iha, Hawaii Appleseed (Support)
7. Fely Wayfield (Support)
8. Chloey Ishii, Rocky's Coffee Shop (M-25) (Support)
9. James Manaku, Sr. (General comment)
10. Pane Meatoga III, Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (M-25) (Support)
11. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-25) (Support)
12. Aura Reyes (Support)
13. David Milotta, Waipahu United Church of Christ (M-25) (Support)
14. Angela Young (Support)
15. Tom Coppe (General comment)
16. Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director Designate, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) (D-54) (General comment)

In response to Councilmember Kia'aina, Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director Designate, DPP stated that she did not bring up the issue of the ceiling height in the Zoning Committee hearing. The DPP felt that they needed to bring up the issue as a matter of the quality of living of the residents.

In response to councilmembers, Moe Mohana and Chris Deuchar, Highridge Costa stated that:

- They did not hear about DPP's concern on the ceiling height prior to this hearing.
- Eight foot ceilings are a very comfortable height and it will work well.

- There is a commercial component required and because of the commercial space they wanted to address the community's request to have more parking available.

Councilmember Say stated that as the Chair of the Zoning Committee, the issue was addressed. He stated that the residents of Waipahu wanted to address the height in regards to the towers and there were discussion in regards to how to lower the height of the tower to accommodate the residents' concerns by lowering it by a foot. Councilmember Say stated that the residents had another concern on wanting more parking stalls and noted that if the developer was willing to provide more stalls the Committee was in strong support.

17. Christopher Delaunay, Pacific Resource Partnership (M-25) (Support)
18. Sterling Higa, Housing Hawaii's Future (M-25) (Support)
19. Tisa Marie Canales (Support)

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 11:57 a.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Councilmember Say moved that the Resolution be amended to a handcarried FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam. Councilmember Say explained the FD1 amendments.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that 201H projects impact communities and advised the Department of Planning and Permitting to prioritize amendments that come out of the Zoning Committee immediately after the hearing because of the deadlines. She also informed the developers of 201H projects to inform councilmembers of projects so that they can be prepared because they are bound by a timeline.

Councilmember Tupola stated her support of the amendment because it will still keep the project affordable for the community.

Councilmember Say informed the general public that the amendment to the Resolution is on page 3, #8 where the word deferral will be replaced with exemption in two places.

In response to Councilmember Tupola, Kathy Mitchell, Board of Water Supply stated that in #11 the word deferral is correct for the Board of Water Supply.

Resolution 22-291, CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

At this juncture, there being no objections from the 9 members present, the Chair moved Resolution 22-291, CD1 to the end of calendar.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-297, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE KAHOAPILI AFFORDABLE RENTAL APARTMENT PROJECT OR AFFORDABLE AND MARKET-RATE FOR-SALE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IN SALT LAKE.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 7 and Resolution 22-297, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Pane Meatoga III, Hawaii Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund (M-28) (Support)
2. Moe Mohanna, Highridge Costa (Support)
3. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-28) (Support)
4. Chace Shigemasa, Chair, Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village-Airport Neighborhood Board #18 (D-56) (Support)
5. Christopher Delaunay, Pacific Resource Partnership (Support)

Councilmember Cordero expressed her support for the project. She noted that the project applicant and the developers presented the project and their intent to the neighborhood board and the neighborhood board supported the project and had the opportunity to learn about 201H projects.

Chair Waters stated that the Hawai'i Revised Statues, Section 201H requires the Council to move the project in a timely manner which puts pressure on the Department of Planning and Permitting as well as the Council to make sure it is done promptly.

Committee Report 7 and Resolution 22-297, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-49 Board of Water Supply
M-28 Testimony on Resolution 22-297, CD1

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-298, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 8

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE KUILEI PLACE AFFORDABLE AND MARKET RATE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IN MOILILI.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 22-298, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0054/1/24/2023 10:10 AM)

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 8 and Resolution 22-298, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Resolution be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0054/1/24/2023 10:10 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Say. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

Councilmember Tupola thanked the developers for being in favor of the amendment and stated that the City is working hard on having more affordable housing and for longer periods of time. Councilmember Tupola stated her support for the amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Ricky Cassidy (M-22) (Support)
2. Pane Meatoga III, Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (M-22) (Support)
3. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-22) (Support)
4. Christopher Delaunay, Pacific Resource Partnership (M-22) (Support)
5. Tom Presler (M-22) (Support)
6. Christine Otto Zaa (M-22) (Oppose)

7. Elliot Lau (M-22) (Support)
8. Mike Arellano (M-22) (Support)
9. Ashley Lee (M-22) (Support)
10. Michelle Matson (M-22) (Oppose)
11. Thurston Kau (M-22) (Support)
12. Winston Welch, The Outdoor Circle (M-22) (Oppose)
13. Lee Wang (M-22) (Support)
14. Spencer Lee (M-22) (Support)
15. Sterling Higa, Housing Hawaii's Future (M-22) (Support)
16. Jonathan Winger (M-22) (Support)
17. Jen Ishii (M-22) (Support)
18. Hennessay Brown (M-22) (Support)
19. Mike Tasaka (M-22) (General comment)
20. Alana Pakkala, Kobayashi Group (M-22) (Support)
21. Jill Fukumoto (M-22) (Support)
22. Alexander Malabey (M-22) (Support)
23. George Ham (M-22) (Support)
24. Ken Sentner (M-36) (Oppose)
25. James Manaku, Sr. (General comment)
26. Angela Young (Support)
27. Andrew Laurence (M-22) (Support)

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she is in agreement with testifier, Jill Fukumoto. She noted that she supports the project because the developers modified their original application from 24.48 percent to 34.93 percent at 120 Area Median Income (AMI) or lower which increased the project by 105 units.

Councilmember Tupola stated her reason for supporting the amendment was because the lottery system will be extended to 60 days to make sure that the local home ownership is a priority and that residents are prioritized. She stated that she hopes that moving forward the Council can continue talks with developers to get them to see what the Council sees on the City level to add 80 percent or below AMI market to their projects.

Councilmember Weyer stated his support and noted that if the City wants to address the housing crisis, they need to utilize density and height, particularly in the urban core which will allow the preservation of the rest of the island. Councilmember Weyer expressed his appreciation for this project and what it is providing but understands that there is no perfect project.

Councilmember Say stated that under 201H-38, the State Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) may develop State housing projects which may be exempt from statutes, ordinances, Charter provisions and rules of any government agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, development and

improvement of land and construction of dwelling units. He noted that the DPP may also process 201H projects under HRS 46-15. Councilmember Say stated that under HRS 201H-38, the applicable county council must approve, with or without modifications, or disapprove the proposed 201H project within 45 days after receipt of a report from the HHFDC or DPP. He explained that if the Council does not act within the 45-day period, the project is deemed approved and the exemptions sought for the project are authorized as requested. Councilmember Say stated that he hopes the developer will take into consideration the concerns of all the tenants that will be displaced. He noted that he is in support of the measure.

Chair Waters stated that he heard the testifiers that wanted the Council to put a pause on this project but if that is done the project will be deemed approved as originally presented. He noted that this project requires only 5 percent down to purchase a unit. Chair Waters stated that the developer will be helping those being displaced to be able to qualify for a unit. He also noted that traffic will always be a concern. Chair Waters stated that he is in support of the project.

Resolution 22-298, CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0054/1/24/2023 10:10 AM)

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

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

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

NOES: None.

Committee Report 8 and Resolution 22-298, CD1, FD1 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-48 McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board No. 8

D-50 Board of Water Supply

M-22 Testimony on Resolution 22-298, CD1

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-290 – COMMITTEE REPORT 10

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO RELOCATE CITY-OWNED SURF RACKS IN WAIKĪKĪ.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 10 and Resolution 22-290 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Tim Garry (Support)
2. Linda Kea, Friends of Kuhio Beach Surfboard Racks (M-26) (Support)
3. Tom Coppe (Support)
4. Angela Young, Kapalama NSW (Support)

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Jerry Pupillo, Director, Department of Enterprise Services stated that the issue is locating a location large enough and capable of keeping the racks safe and also servicing the people that really need it.

Chair Waters stated that the idea is to provide racks for local people who do not have the ability to put their boards in their cars and it would be convenient for them to have their board near the water. He expressed his appreciation to Director Pupillo who will work with the community to find a solution.

Committee Report 10 and Resolution 22-290 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-26 Testimony on Resolution 22-290

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 22-253, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 11

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S SIT-LIE AND STORED PROPERTY ORDINANCES ON CITY SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES NEAR SCHOOLS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 11 and Resolution 22-253, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individuals testified:

1. Tim Garry (Support)
2. Chu Lan Shubert Kwock, Chinatown Business and Community Association (Support)
3. Angela Young (Support)

Councilmember Tupola stated that there needs to be a plan and funding. She noted that her office participated in a point in time count and since 2010 has seen an increase of unsheltered homeless and the sheltered have been going down. Councilmember Tupola noted that a plan has not been seen from the Administration regarding steps on homelessness. She stated that monies need to be added into the Department of Facility Maintenance budget to support the enforcement matters. Councilmember Tupola stated that the auditor's report recommended creation of a State and City combined plan. She stated that she is in support of the measure.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated his strong support of the Resolution. He shared that he witnessed a homeless tent on fire in front of a school. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated his appreciation on the measure because of the issues that are happening around many of the schools in his district.

Councilmember Tulba stated that until there is a homeless plan, the communities are left with few resources. He stated that it has been two years without a plan and that the communities would like to see some action. Councilmember Tulba stated that he is in fully support of the measure.

Councilmember Okimoto stated that the concerns are in all districts and appreciated all of the input. She stated that she would like to see the Resolution take effect but the State and the City needs to work together.

In response to Chair Waters, Anton Krucky, Director, Department of Community Services stated that there have been talks of the \$170 million that was put into the budget and will expire at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2023 which could be crossed over to the Department of Community Services because they build permanent and transitional housing. He stated that the Resolution will have a pilot program that will have three school districts included. Director Krucky stated that the sit-lie and the Stored Property Ordinance are not homeless programs but sanitation programs.

Committee Report 11 and Resolution 22-253, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONCR-6 Granting a 90-day extension of time for Resolution 22-293 –
Granting a Special Management Area (“SMA”) Use Permit to
allow renovations and additions at Sea Life Park at Tax Map
Key (“TMK”) 4-1-014: 004 in Waimānalo. (Applicant: Parques
Reunidos) (Deadline: 2/18/23 + 90 days)

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Balance of Committee Reports, as listed above,
be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-38 Testimony on ZONCR-6

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-9

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT \$2,922.44 TO THE CITY FROM THE WESTERN STATES ARTS FEDERATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ATTEND THE WESTERN STATES ARTS FEDERATION SPRING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND ARTS LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FEBRUARY 12-15, 2023.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-9 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

Resolution 23-9 was adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-7, FD1

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA SOON TO SERVE ON THE SALARY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 23-7, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0051/1/20/2023 3:09 PM)

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-7 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Resolution be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0051/1/20/2023 3:09 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Rebecca Soon (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Rebecca Soon stated that:

- She will bring up to the commission whether the councilmembers work is considered full-time or part-time and that they should be paid a living wage to allow members to focus on their work full-time.
- In her review of the Charter, it does not state whether councilmembers are full-time or part-time.
- She will also ask the commission to consider how other jurisdictions come up with the pay for their positions.

Councilmember Kia'aina stated that Ms. Soon is an excellent appointment and her experience in both the Executive Branch and the City Council will provide guidance to the other commissioners.

Councilmember Weyer thanked Ms. Soon for taking on the position knowing that it is a volunteer position and also took note that on her resume she has about 20 years of service to the community and working for the government.

Councilmember Cordero spoke on her experiences working with the community full-time but not making enough to live and thoughts of getting a part-time job while still being able to serve her community full-time.

Councilmember Tulba spoke on his experiences on why he ran for office and the cost to live in Hawai'i. He stated that he works several jobs aside from being a councilmember to be able to pay his bills and support his family.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked Ms. Soon for volunteering for the position. He stated that this position will take away from other things and knows that she does other advocacy work but her experience in the Legislative and Executive Branch will be an asset to the commission. Councilmember Dos-Santos Tam stated that he is in support of the nominee.

Resolution 23-7 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0051/1/20/2023 3:09 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Resolution 23-7, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-10

RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE HAWAI'I STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 23-10 be adopted. Seconded by
Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 23-10 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-6, FD1

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-1, CD1, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO OBTAIN A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN NĀNĀKULI, O‘AHU.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 23-6, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Resolution 23-6 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.

The following individual testified:

Patrick Gomes (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she is going to be working with Saint Rita Catholic Church to make sure they get their renovation that they have been waiting for.

Resolution 23-6 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

NOES: None.

Resolution 23-6, FD1 was adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-31 Testimony on Resolution 23-6

APPROVAL
COMMUNICATION D-12

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Communication D-12 be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that Bills 41 and 42 relating to shoreline setback and Special Management Area will be heard in February and Bill 10 in March.

Communication D-12 was approved.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-10 Councilmember Esther Kia'āina
M-27 Testimony on Communication D-12

CONTINUATION OF RESOLUTION 22-291, CD1 (From page 12)

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 22-291, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE KEAWALAU AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY PROJECT IN WAIPAHAU.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 22-291, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0057/1/25/2023 12:26 PM)

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Councilmember Weyer stated that he will be voting with reservations. He stated that the Waipahu community has been open to halfway homes and homeless outreach and navigation for unsheltered persons (HONU) but are concerned about this project not being in compliance with the transit oriented development plan.

Councilmember Tulba stated that high cost of living and shortage of affordable housing is critical in Hawai'i. He stated that projects like this one do not come around often so the City should move forward on the project but he does hear the concerns from the Waipahu Neighborhood Board and will be voting with reservations. Councilmember Tulba stated that he hopes through the discussions there can be an understanding because affordable housing is so needed.

Committee Report 5 and Resolution 22-91, CD1, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA*,
TUPOLA, WEYER*, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-53 Board of Water Supply
M-25 Testimony on Resolution 22-291, CD1

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tupola congratulated Luke Shepardson, City and County lifeguard for winning the Eddie. She stated that the City and County has the best lifeguards and expressed her gratitude to all of the first responders.

Councilmember Weyer echoed the comments of Councilmember Tupola.

Chair Waters wished Allison Yanagi of his staff a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:46 p.m., Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 22, 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:

February 22, 2023