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REGULAR MEETING
9TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 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 10:56 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.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Cordero welcomed members of the public and the City Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Minutes of the 7th Session 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

CANCELLED

**REPORT OF PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP ESTABLISHED BY
RESOLUTION 23-40, CD1**

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced that the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group established by Resolution 23-40, CD1 was cancelled and would not be considered.

Related communication:

M-305 Testimony on the Permitted Interaction Group

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-48, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 163

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBBI ELENEKI TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 163 and Resolution 23-48, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individual testified:

Debbie Eleneki (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked Ms. Eleneki for her willingness to serve, for answering questions in Committee, and for her service as a first responder. She stated that it takes someone who really loves their community and the public to do this type of work. Councilmember Tupola stated that she looks forward to the contributions that Ms. Eleneki will make on the Fire Commission.

Councilmember Kia'aina thanked Ms. Eleneki for volunteering her time to serve on the Fire Commission and stated that she knows that with her knowledge and integrity she will help guide the Commission on the issues that will be presented before them.

Councilmember Okimoto stated that she is grateful for Ms. Eleneki's service and for her setting an example for women. She stated that she looks forward to working with her.

Chair Waters echoed the comments from councilmembers and thanked Ms. Eleneki for her willingness to serve.

Committee Report 163 and Resolution 23-48, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 23 – COMMITTEE REPORT 150

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUILDING CODE.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 150 be adopted and Bill 23 pass second. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Cordero thanked the Zoning Chair for hearing the measure in Committee and also thanked the State Department of Transportation for working with her on the measure as it relates to the State operated airports, harbors and maintenance yards where security against unauthorized entry is an important factor.

Committee Report 150 was adopted and Bill 23 passed second reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-313 Testimony on Bill 23

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 4, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 159

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ENERGY CODE.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 159 be adopted and Bill 4 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Weyer thanked the stakeholders that have been actively involved in the process. He also thanked the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and Director Gonser for being helpful. Councilmember Weyer stated that he anticipates additional amendments when the measure goes back to Committee.

Committee Report 159 was adopted and Bill 4, 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-300 Testimony on Bill 4

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 28 – COMMITTEE REPORT 160

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO NALOXONE.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 160 be adopted and Bill 28 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Daniela Stolfi-Tow, 808 Viral (M-299) (Support)
2. Heather Lusk, Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center (M-299) (Support)
3. Mialisa Otis (M-299) (Support)
4. Angela Young (Support)

In response to councilmembers, Dr. James Ireland, Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department stated that:

- Anyone can request training from Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center and also get narcan or naloxone which is the generic name. It requires minimal training because it is a nasal spray and you can get it for free at this time.
- During the last few weeks, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has had one or more fentanyl overdose calls a day, the majority of whom are residents.
- The overdoses are happening all over, people's homes, illegal game rooms, City parks, City park bathrooms, City beaches, and businesses such as fast food restaurants and hotel rooms. There have not been any incidents at bars or restaurants.
- The earlier EMS can get to the person and deploy narcan when someone is still breathing but unconscious, the better their chance for a full recovery. EMS recommends the person to go to the hospital in the ambulance because the drug is still in their system and they could lose consciousness again when the narcan wears out.
- The Honolulu Fire Department and the Honolulu Police Department carry narcan now and are able to deploy it before EMS gets there which helps save lives.
- If narcan is deployed, 911 should still be called so that EMS can monitor the situation because sometimes one dose is not enough.
- The cost to be transported to the hospital by ambulance is about \$2,000. If you need more care in the hospital it could be from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a day.
- The Bill is a step toward potentially saving lives in the community.
- The program is administered through the Department of Health at this time.

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam, the EMS leadership, and Heather Lusk of the Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center for bringing this issue forward and for making sure that businesses know narcan will be accessible to them for free.

Chair Waters stated that people need to realize what is going on and appreciate the discussion.

Committee Report 160 was adopted and Bill 28 passed second reading.

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

Related communication:

M-299 Testimony on Bill 28

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-100, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 165

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

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 165 and Resolution 23-100, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Dr. James Ireland, Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department explained that the lease for their office will run out in 18 months and it is expected to go up between \$700,000 and \$900,000. He stated that it would make more sense to relocate to a permanent facility to save the City money and they have found a building in the Kalihi-Airport area which could also house one or two ambulances. Dr. Ireland stated that after looking at many different sites, this location was a good fit and they are now applying for the Public Infrastructure Map.

Committee Report 165 and Resolution 23-100, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-106, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 166

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

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 166 and Resolution 23-106, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Calvin Hulihee (General comment)
2. Roy Nakamura (General comment)
3. Angela Young (Support)

Committee Report 166 and Resolution 23-106, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-361 Department of Planning and Permitting

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-107, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 167

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

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 167 and Resolution 23-107, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

Committee Report 167 and Resolution 23-107, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-362 Department of Planning and Permitting

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-102 – COMMITTEE REPORT 146

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 146 and Resolution 23-102 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Kevin Mokulehua, Acting Assistant Chief, Honolulu Fire Department explained that the transfer of funds was needed to procure two personal protective clothing dryers, weather packs for the Hazardous Materials Unit and light rescue apparatuses which amounted to \$12,300 to cover the shortfalls in the grant award.

Committee Report 146 and Resolution 23-102 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-103 – COMMITTEE REPORT 147

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 147 and Resolution 23-103 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 147 and Resolution 23-103 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-57, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 151

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ONE-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING AT 5699 KALANIANA'OLE HIGHWAY.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 151 and Resolution 23-57, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director, Department of Planning and Permitting objected to the condition on parking that is in the Special Management Area (SMA) permit. She stated that she believes that parking is part of access and her Department did not analyze parking as part of the SMA and the condition should not be required without an analysis.

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 11:46 a.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Chair Waters stated that during the recess, Director Apuna withdrew her objection to the condition on parking.

Committee Report 151 and Resolution 23-57, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communication:

M-304 Testimony on Resolution 23-57

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-83, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 153

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE 690 POHUKAINA AFFORDABLE RENTAL AND MIXED-USE PROJECT IN KAKA'AKO, O'AHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 153 and Resolution 23-83, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Christopher Delaunay, Pacific Resource Partnership (M-301) (Support)
2. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (M-301) (Support)
3. Nikhil Khurana, Honolulu Tenants Union (General comment)
4. James K. Manaku (General comment)

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Moe Mohana, Highridge Costa Development Company, LLC stated that:

- The property is located at a construction yard and the former Fisher building.
- If there were current tenants, the process would be to provide them ample time and provide them rent forgiveness in order to provide them the time to relocate to another comparable location.
- He will provide what 30 percent Area Median Income (AMI) is and what the rent would be.
- The 201H is a State law and there is community outreach and a public hearing process.

In response to councilmembers, Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director, Department of Planning and Permitting stated that:

- The reason the Developer goes through the 201H process is to take advantage of waivers of certain requirements.
- The 201H process falls under HRS, Chapter 201H and depending on the financing, they will first go to the City and see if they qualify and if not they can go to the State through Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for the 201H process.

- If the Council does not take action in 45 days then the project is automatically approved.

Denise Iseri-Matsubara, Executive Director, Office of Housing explained the process for a 201H. She stated that the developer presents their project to neighborhood boards. She voiced her support for the project because it serves the missing middle workforce who are the gap income group consisting of teachers, medical technicians, and first responders who make too much to qualify for the traditional low-income rental but not enough to rent or buy at market rate.

In response to Chair Waters, Executive Director Iseri-Matsubara stated that the project has a Tier 2 Rental Housing Revolving fund and they also have Low-Income housing Tax Credit.

In response to councilmembers, Albert Palmer, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation stated that:

- He is in support of the project and that the project is on State-owned land and they issued a request for proposals.
- The project will reserve a portion of land for use by the Department of Education, with the remaining portion for the developer.

Councilmember Say stated for the record that this is a great project. He quoted what Mr. Mohana stated for the record that they are trying their very best to find sources or pockets of monies that can be used to subsidize low income rental housing. Councilmember Say stated that a request was made to the Legislature to increase the 45 days to 60 days because it is very difficult for the Council to act within that time, but the measure died.

In response to Chair Waters, Chris Deuchar, Form Partners, LLC stated that 30 percent and up to 100 percent AMI varies from people who are working at hotels, the beginning of management levels, school teachers, firefighters, first responders, and administrative level positions. These are the people struggling to provide for their families and to find a home to live in.

Councilmember Tupola stated that Highridge Costa developed a highrise in Kapolei which provided hundreds of low-income homes. She noted that recently the community had a meeting and wanted more security and more services in that building and Mr. Mohana addressed the issues. Councilmember Tupola stated that the developer will do very well on the project.

Committee Report 153 and Resolution 23-83, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-301 Testimony on Resolution 23-83

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-87, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 154

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE KAKA'AKO BLOCK C AFFORDABLE AND MARKET-RATE HOUSING AND MIXED-USE PROJECT IN KAKA'AKO, O'AHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 154 and Resolution 23-87, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

Stanford Carr explained his project to councilmembers and asked for their support.

In response to councilmembers, Mr. Carr stated that:

- He has a non-profit serviced called Komohale Services, run by Executive Director Pamela Witty Oakland which provides outreach enrichment services to 9 of their rental properties on three islands consisting of nearly 2,000 units. They provide access to computer classes, programs to kupunas with respect to nutrition, teled, and exercise class. There are also classes for those who want to become first time homeowners, financial counseling and economic literacy.
- The Hawai'i Community Development Authority's 201H policy is that if you build a condominium project, 20 percent of the units must be set aside for sale to first time home buyers that earn between 100 and 140 percent of the area median income (AMI). The 201H statue was created by the Legislature in 1976 to allow developers to ask for waivers of building codes, ordinances, policies, and rules to enable the developer to lower costs and make projects. For this project, by utilizing this tool and the City's tool for affordability and feasibility, the enhancements allowed for 60 percent of the 861 units to be for affordable households.

- To enable the developer to reach the affordability level, they are using Section 42, the 4 percent low income housing tax credit program along with private activity bond financing. The gap financing program provided by the Legislature is 50 percent of the conveyance tax monies set aside to fund the gap financing program also known as the Rental Housing Revolving Fund.
- They developed a proof on concept program which models a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program for households that earn 80 percent AMI. If the renters voluntarily apply for the program and take homeownership counseling, financial literacy and develop a budget, HUD will provide a dollar for dollar matching rent of \$30,000 towards the down payment of a home.
- The Legislature created the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to oversee the redevelopment of 400 plus acres in Kakaako. They floated the bonds to fund all of the underground infrastructure, wet and dry utilities, drainage, sewer, water, and sidewalks in order to create a redevelopment district to invite developers to build the necessary housing within the urban core.
- They built nearly 6,000 units over a 34-year career and more than half of the units that were constructed were both rentals and for sale and some affordable. He stated that the word affordable is an abused term because what is affordable to one person may not be necessarily affordable to another.

Councilmember Okimoto stated that she supports this project and hopes that more people will work towards becoming homeowners. She also stated that she hopes everyone can continue to support projects that will also incentivize more projects.

The following individuals testified:

1. Christopher Delaunay, Pacific Resource Partnership (M-294) (Support)
2. Clyde Hayashi, Hawai'i Iron Workers Stabilization Fund (M-294) (Support)
3. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
4. Angela Young, CARES (Support)
5. James K. Manaku (General comment)
6. Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros (General comment)
7. May Marrotte (General comment)
8. Wallyn Christian (General comment)

Denise Iseri-Matsubara, Executive Director, Office of Housing stated that the City needs about 22,000 units over a five-year period. She also stated that there is a need for projects like this because the investment from the City on the exemption side is very small. She pointed out that the demand is for a continuum of housing and that support for this type of project is very necessary.

Committee Report 154 and Resolution 23-87, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-294 Testimony on Resolution 23-87

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 12:44 p.m., the Chair called for a recess as noted on the agenda. With 8 members present (Excused: Okimoto – 1), the Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-90, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 155

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT AND SHORELINE SETBACK VARIANCE TO ALLOW ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY IN HALEIWA, NORTH SHORE.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 23-90, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0537/6/6/2023 9:37 AM)

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 155 and Resolution 23-90, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Resolution be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0537/6/6/2023 9:37 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Say. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) stated that in regards to the condition on parking, DPP objects to that condition and would like it removed because they did not analyze the parking as part of the Special Management Area (SMA) permit. She noted that this is inconsistent with other SMAs that the DPP have permitted in the past and they do not want to set any kind of precedent where parking is

considered access and therefore somehow required. She stated that DPP understands that parking is important but it should be addressed outside of the SMA permit. She noted that Director Ed Sniffen from the State Department of Transportation agreed to parking at the Committee meeting so maybe a Memorandum of Agreement among the various parties could be created to address the parking requirement outside of the SMA permit.

In response to councilmembers, Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director, DPP stated that:

- With the shoreline where it will be drawn, the jurisdiction will involve the State so if the parking falls below the shoreline that is something that the City cannot enforce. She stated that enforcement might be more effective within an agreement among the parties versus within the SMA permit.
- She reached out to the DOT Director but was not able to speak with him.
- Enforcement and precedent setting could affect other areas in the shoreline.
- They are entitled to access but the access may not include parking as a requirement.
- She does not believe there is language that explicitly prohibits parking. She emphasized that DPP tries to provide analysis based on information provided to them in order to make a recommendation or decision on an SMA.
- She would not object to the SMA moving forward and being approved by Council.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that Councilmember Weyer worked hard on the FD1 with all parties and that she assumes that he knows what he is doing and she will support his FD1.

Resolution 23-90, CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0537/6/6/2023 9:37 AM).

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

NOES: None.

The following individuals testified:

1. Blake Mcelheny (M-297) (Support)
2. Gil Riviere (M-297) (Support)
3. Racquel Achiu (M-297) (Oppose)

In response to councilmembers, Duane Pang, Corporation Counsel stated that:

- SMAs are reviewed by DPP and the DPP Director did not want to set precedence that parking should be a condition.
- He does not think parking will violate the SMA but anyone can challenge an approval from Council and the SMA permit.
- The Hawai'i Revised Status mentions access to the natural resources and for SMA it would be to the shoreline.
- The DPP would need to make sure that a shoreline approval would not reduce access but not to ensure a separate area for parking.

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 2:11 p.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Chair Waters stated that with good councilmembers fighting for their community and making sure that there is access to the ocean, one way to include parking in the SMA permit and he checked with several lawyers who all agreed that there is nothing prohibiting making parking and beach access a condition in SMA permits.

4. Choon James (General comment)
5. Donald Sakamoto (General comment)
6. De Mont Manaole (General comment)
7. Tara Rojas (General comment)

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 155 and Resolution 23-90, CD1, FD1 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-297 Testimony on Resolution 23-90

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-98 – COMMITTEE REPORT 156

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A MOSS ROCK PEDESTAL WITH A WOODEN SIGN TO READ, “BREENE HARIMOTO MANANA COMMUNITY PARK,” VALUED AT \$13,092.00 TO THE CITY FROM THE PEARL CITY FOUNDATION FOR INSTALLATION AT THE BREENE HARIMOTO MANANA COMMUNITY PARK.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 156 and Resolution 23-98 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that Breene was a wonderful individual and that she looks forward to the dedication.

Committee Report 156 and Resolution 23-98 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-311 Testimony on Resolution 23-98

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-101, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 158

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF \$50,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE O’AHU VISITORS BUREAU FOR A GATE LOCK FOR THE ENTRANCE AT KOKO HEAD DISTRICT PARK.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 158 and Resolution 23-101, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 158 and Resolution 23-101, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-99, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 157

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONCESSION AGREEMENTS FOR TERMS OF UP TO 10 YEARS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES AT SIX CITY-OWNED FACILITIES MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 23-99, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 157 and Resolution 23-99 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 2:27 p.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Councilmember Tulba moved that the Resolution be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto. Councilmember Tulba explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked the Department of Enterprise Services for their work on the measure. She stated that City owned facilities identified in the Resolution are under utilized and she supports the Department's efforts to offer concessioners longer agreements in exchange for Capital investments. Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she looks forward to seeing concessions at golf courses for the golfers and the residents in the communities to enjoy.

Resolution 23-99 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Committee Report 157 and Resolution 23-99, FD1 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-303 Testimony on Resolution 23-99

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-95 – COMMITTEE REPORT 162

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL TO THE CITY FROM RE-EARTH INITIATIVE, VALUED AT \$3,823.05, FOR THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION SPECIALIST AND VISTA LEADER OF THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY TO ATTEND THE 2023 UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCC) SUBSIDIARY BODY MEETINGS (SB58) AND YOUTH FORUM IN BONN, GERMANY, MAY 30, 2023 - JUNE 15, 2023.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 162 and Resolution 23-95 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 162 and Resolution 23-95 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER,
WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: SAY, TULBA – 2.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-70, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 161

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. NAVY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT WEEKLY TESTING OF NAVY RED HILL MONITORING WELLS AND THE RED HILL SHAFT FOR PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (“PFAS”) AND RELEASE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY IN ITS LETTER TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DATED JANUARY 10, 2023.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 161 and Resolution 23-70, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia’āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Kathy Mitchell, Board of Water Supply (BWS) (M-292) (Support)

In response to councilmembers, Ms. Mitchell stated that:

- Per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are forever chemicals that do not break down. They are known to cause physical conditions in the human liver and kidney and were discovered in the Aqueous Film Forming Foam that fire fighters use.
- The Fuel Tank Advisory Committee met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Navy and they do have a defueling and closure plan. The defueling plan will take place on October 16, 2023 and the Navy anticipates it will end January 2024. Vice Admiral John Wade stated that there will be 100,000 to 400,000 gallons of fuel still left in the tanks.
- When doing repairs, it was discovered that they had to remove a valve and that there was still fuel behind the liner and in the soil. They discovered 14,000 gallons of fuel in just one valve and there are 2,000 valves to be removed.
- There is still a lot of residue in the tanks that includes soil, fuel, and rust in the gravity fed lines.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated her strong support of the Resolution and her disappointment of why a Resolution is needed to support this request. She expressed her concern about the problem of the residual fuel that was reported in the Star Advertiser. Councilmember Kia'āina recommended to Councilmember Weyer that after the Resolution is passed that he have an informational briefing in Committee with the Department of Defense.

Testimony continued as follows:

2. Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros (Support)
3. Mialisa Otis (General comment)
4. Michael Waters (General comment)
5. Angela Young (Support)
6. Choon James (General comment)
7. Tara Rojas (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated that the Department of Defense has not been back to the Council since 2017. She stated that the Resolution relates to Red Hill and also the Navy testing wells and shows that the Council can hold them accountable.

Councilmember Okimoto thanked the Youth Commission for being instrumental in sharing and submitting testimony. She stated that this issue is very unique and that it is nice to see people of all generations and communities coming together to advocate and fight for the health and safety of others.

Chair Waters stated that there is fuel in the rock underneath the cement and stainless steel tanks that is eventually going to get down into the water table. He expressed his concern that the forever chemicals were spilled and is now leaking into our groundwater and the Navy is not providing any information. Chair Waters stated that collectively, everyone needs to keep on top of the issue and make sure to hold whoever is responsible accountable. He stated his support for the Resolution.

Committee Report 161 and Resolution 23-70, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-359 Board of Water Supply
M-292 Testimony on Resolution 23-70

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-50 – COMMITTEE REPORT 164

RESOLUTION URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLICE SUBSTATION IN PATROL DISTRICT 2 TO SERVICE THE NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 164 and Resolution 23-50 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individuals testified:

1. Choon James, CountryTalkStory.com (M-307) (Support)
2. De Mont Manaole, Hoo‘omana Pono, LLC (M-307) (General comment)
3. Angela Young, Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch (Support)

Councilmember Weyer stated that the discussion in Committee was for the Administration to follow through with the on-going projects. He noted that there is a lot of support for the long-term plan of providing a police substation on the North Shore but it is an equity issue when looking at the distance from both sides. Councilmember Weyer expressed his appreciation to Public Safety Chair Okimoto for passing out the Resolution and he welcomes the Council’s support.

Councilmember Tupola filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk’s Office (CC-171).

Committee Report 164 and Resolution 23-50 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-307 Testimony on Resolution 23-50

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONCR-152 Granting a 120-day extension of time for Resolution 23-62 – Approving a Conceptual Plan for an Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) project for the 1538 Kapi’olani Tower Project. (Applicant: JL Ala Moana LLC) (Deadline 6/17/23 + 120 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.

CANCELLED
BILL 34

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced that Bill 34, relating to real property taxation was cancelled and would not be considered.

CANCELLED
BILL 35

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced that Bill 35, relating to real property taxation was cancelled and would not be considered.

Related communication:

M-296 Testimony on Bill 35

FIRST READING
BILL 36

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 36 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 36 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-310 Testimony on Bill 36

FIRST READING
RESOLUTION 23-109

INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973 (AMENDED 2017 EDITION), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROHIBITING CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYMENT AND EMOLUMENTS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 23-109 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified for Resolution 23-109 and Bill 33:

1. Choon James, CountryTalkStory.com (M-289) (Oppose), (M-287) (Oppose)
2. De Mont Manaole, Ho'omana Pono, LLC (M-289) (General comment)
3. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose), (M-287) (Oppose)
4. Jack James (Oppose)
5. Michael Waters (Oppose)
6. Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros (Oppose)
7. Mialisa Otis (M-287) (Support)
8. Wallyn Christian (Oppose)
9. Angela Young, CARES (M-287) (Support)
10. Alice Abellanida (Oppose)

11. Donald Sakamoto (M-287) (Oppose)
12. Adriel Lam (M-287) (Oppose)
13. Ed Jones (M-287) (Oppose)
14. Brett Kulbis (M-287) (Oppose)
15. Tara Rojas (General comment)
16. Voice of the Warrior (Oppose)

In response to councilmembers, Jan Yamane, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Ethics Commission stated that:

- If there were any ban on any kind of pay for another job, you can put the monies into a blind trust or delegate those responsibilities to someone else.
- In the Federal law, a blind trust is where you give everything over to someone else to manage and you would have no ability to make decisions based upon that business or anybody else that would be getting any benefit from it.
- She is not aware of any other counties that have this measure.
- The Bill does not address any volunteer activities.
- The measure does not define the time councilmembers work and what they are working on.
- She was not involved in drafting the measure but can look into similar language for congressional leaders.
- She gave an example of how a job could be a conflict of interest but explained that pursuant to the Charter, the councilmembers always have a vote but must disclose any conflict before the vote. If a councilmember feels that their vote could impair their judgment, they can turn in a Disclosure of Interest, then still be able to vote.
- If a Board or Commission member had a conflict, they would be encouraged to recuse themselves from the entire process.
- Someone can abstain from a vote after declaring the conflict of interest.
- She does not have the legislative history but could do research to follow up if councilmembers wanted an answer as to when the provision was put in the Charter and what the background on it is.

- Councilmembers have a direct financial interest in voting on their own salaries because they stand to gain financially, so by voting on your own salary increases it is a financial conflict of interest but councilmembers can disclose that and then vote.
- The Council may reject either the entire Resolution or any portion of it. So you cannot change it but it can be rejected or certain parts can be kept.
- Councilmembers can vote yea or nay but any member can choose to exercise the right to not vote.

In response to councilmembers, Duane Pang, Corporation Counsel stated that:

- There is an exemption for minimal wage and hours of work for elected officials and some appointed officials.
- The Charter identifies councilmembers and elected officials as officials and not employees.
- Bill 33 as currently written does not have a penalty.
- He would need to review the Council Rules and the Charter to determine if there is a penalty.
- The Bill and the Resolution which would prohibit outside employment does not say anything about the time spent in the office or doing councilmember work.
- The discussion on whether councilmembers are full time or part time have been in discussion for decades.
- The Mayor, by State law is prohibited from having outside employment and there is no information on a penalty.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she would like to see the measure move forward with more discussion. She stated that she has been on record as opposing the salaries; however, she does support putting the Resolution before the voters.

Councilmember Tupola stated for the record that she will be filing a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-185).

Councilmember Tupola stated that she opposes the Resolution because if it goes to vote the perception will be that if it passes then councilmember would have to be full-time and that the community will get better service if they do not work a side job. She expressed her disappointment to see this measure before the prior Resolutions that have been proposed

to discuss the salary. Councilmember Tupola stated that excluding outside employment is moving towards creating more career politicians. She stated that she signed up for this job because she wants to help her community. Councilmember Tupola stated that she would like the public to weigh in on the measure instead of councilmembers doing it themselves.

Councilmembers Cordero (CC-166), Okimoto (CC-167), Waters (CC-159) stated for the record that they filed Disclosure of Interest Statements with the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Tulba stated he will be voting no on the measure. He stated that nothing he does conflicts with what he does as a councilmember. He listens to the people who elected him and they are the ones that should be saying how much they should be paid. He noted that he heard transparency, openness, being connected, and listening to the people today and the two measures are a distraction of what needs to be done.

Councilmember Weyer stated for the record that he will be filing a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-179).

Councilmember Weyer stated that there has been good policy discussion as a result of the work of the Salary Commission. He noted that he will be voting with reservations because of the timing and wanting to have more discussion in Committee.

Councilmember Kia'āina respectfully asked Chair Waters to cancel Bill 33 because it only relates to the Council having a say. She stated that the intent of the Bill was to make it become effective earlier. Councilmember Kia'āina stated she would like the Resolution to move forward. She also stated that she would like to hear Resolution 23-81.

In response to Chair Waters, Duane Pang, Corporation Counsel stated that technically, matters that are not on the agenda should not be discussed by councilmembers but public testimony can be received if the public perceive their comments are related to a measure.

Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam (CC-175), Say (CC-189), and Tulba (CC-180) filed Disclosure of Interest Statements with the City Clerk's Office.

Resolution 23-109 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, WEYER*,
WATERS – 7.
NOES: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

*Councilmember Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-289 Testimony on Resolution 23-109

CANCELLED
BILL 33

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT.

The Chair announced that Bill 33 was cancelled.

Please see Resolution 23-109 for the list of testifiers.

Councilmembers Cordero (CC-165), Dos Santos-Tam (CC-175), Okimoto (CC-168), Say (CC-186), Tulba (CC-181), Tupola (CC-183), Weyer (CC-178), and Waters (CC-162) filed Disclosure of Interest Statements with the City Clerk's Office.

Related communication:

M-287 Testimony on Bill 33

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 5:08 p.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

THIRD READING
BILL 32, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 148

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 148 be adopted and Bill 32, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-306) (Oppose)
2. Angela Young (Support)

Committee Report 148 was adopted and Bill 32, CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-306 Testimony on Bill 32

THIRD READING

BILL 56 (2022), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 149

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 149 be adopted and Bill 56 (2022), CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola explained the Bill. She stated that one of the easiest ways to clear up the backlog is to try to take people out of the permitting line if they are doing a do it yourself project that can be done safe and with a licensed contractor. She also stated that of the residential permits, about 60 percent are for photovoltaic. Councilmember Tupola stated that she looks forward to more conversations especially on the component replacement and things that have to do with repairs because she wants to help the local residents keep their homes in good shape.

Chair Waters stated that in the Zoning Committee there was a very spirited discussion.

Councilmember Kia'āina commended Councilmember Tupola for her efforts which she supports. She stated that the measure aims to expand exemptions for homeowners that are making various non-structural renovations to their homes and she supports measures that attempt to streamline the building permit process.

Committee Report 149 was adopted and Bill 56 (2022), CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-298 Testimony on Bill 56 (2022)

CANCELLED

BILL 37 (2022), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 75

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced that Bill 37 (2022), CD1, relating to real property taxation was cancelled and would not be considered.

CANCELLED

BILL 40 (2022), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 76

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced that Bill 40 (2022), CD1, relating to real property taxation was cancelled and would not be considered.

THIRD READING

BILL 16, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 143

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 143 be adopted and Bill 16, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 143 was adopted and Bill 16, CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-312 Testimony on Bill 16

THIRD READING

BILL 17, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 144

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 144 be adopted and Bill 17, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Choon James, CountryTalkStory.com (M-314) (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Lori Kahikina, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) stated that:

- There was a mathematical error on the budget that was sent to the Council and that she would submit a correction.
- For the City Center guideway stations contract, HART is actively in procurement now. Part 1 is to request for qualifications and that is due in October and then HART anticipates to award the contract in the summer of next year. She noted that it is a design-build and that design will take about a year.

Committee Report 144 was adopted and Bill 17, CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-314 Testimony on Bill 17

THIRD READING

BILL 11, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 139

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

The following amendments were posted on the agenda:

- Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Cordero)
- Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola)
- Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam)
- Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer)
- Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Council Chair Waters)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 11 (2023), CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0534/6/6/2023 3:26 PM)

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 139 be adopted and Bill 11, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

Chair Waters called upon councilmembers to explain their Budget Floor Draft Summaries.

Chair Waters explained his handcarried floor draft amendment which presents a balanced Executive Operating Budget for FY2024.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Bill be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0534/6/6/2023 3:26 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. Adriel Lam (M-290) (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Angela Young (Support)

Councilmember Cordero stated that this was her first time as Budget Chair and she understands that every year the budget is different. She noted that she supports her savings and looks forward to looking at it closer next year. Councilmember Cordero thanked everyone who worked on the budget and also Director Kawano.

Bill 11, CD2 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0534/6/62023 3:26 PM).

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

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.E 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 thanked Budget Chair and all who worked on the budget. He stated that he looks forward to next year and that the more conversations to talk through the process, the more everyone can work together and the better off all the communities will be.

Councilmember Tupola commented on the additions and non-additions on the budget. Some of the additions that she was grateful for included the \$2 million from CIP to help lay out infrastructure in her district, \$200,000 restored to the Division of Motor Vehicles, some restoration to the Department of Facility Maintenance, \$10,000 for a container at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park for lifeguard equipment. She thanked the Chair for the \$900,000 addition for the Community Policing Team officers and for including the proviso for the Honolulu Police Department administrative funds to be used for incentives.

Councilmember Say congratulated the Budget Chair and Vice Chair for a balanced budget. He stated that he perceives that next year, the issue will be Other Public Employee Benefits and utility costs. Councilmember Say stated that the Council should be monitoring the General Excise Tax and Transient Accommodations Tax that is being received by the State. He stated that the Department of Planning and Permitting needs help because the more permits they can get out for building and construction, the more revenue sources the City will have based on the housing units that are constructed.

Councilmember Kia'āina she expressed her excitement for \$221,000 in salaries to make the 911 Emergency Response Operator compensation more competitive. She stated her concern of the American Rescue Plan Act funding expiring. Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she is going to Washington D.C. and has set up meetings with various agencies because she would like to have the Federal government come to work with the State of Hawai'i and the four counties on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

In response to Councilmember Tulba, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services stated that the total amount needed for the Mayor and Executive members salaries is about \$1 million to \$2 million. The funds are not in the budget but if approved they will need to find savings to pay for it.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked Chair and the Budget Committee for their hard work on the budget. He acknowledged that the Committee took the issue of crime seriously and he is grateful for the additional funding for the community policing teams. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted the additional funding for the feral chicken program and he looks forward to seeing that implemented. He stated that the funding for the planning of affordable housing in all the districts is an important start but projects need to actually get underway and done.

Chair Waters thanked Chair Cordero and Vice Chair Weyer and the Budget Committee for their hard work. He stated that there are almost 25 Departments and the Committee had to review their requests and make tough decisions. Chair Waters stated that public safety was made a priority, \$43 million to the Honolulu Police Department, \$2.5 million for the lifeguards, \$39 million for Emergency Services, \$100 million was needed for collective bargaining, \$10,000 for the Youth Commission and \$1 million for Urban Forestry.

Councilmember Tulba stated he would be voting with reservations. He is concerned that the positions that were funded by ARPA are now being converted to civil service jobs. He noted that Honolulu Police Department reported 390 vacant positions. Councilmember Tulba stated that the residents are facing high costs of goods and inflation, saw their real property tax rise steadily over the last few years and stated that instead of offering real relief and discussing the salary recommendations, it was opted to issue and offer taxpayers a meager relief package that will not go very far. He thinks that the funding should go towards infrastructure improvements to the sewers, roadways, parks and emergency responders.

Committee Report 139 was adopted and Bill 11, CD2, FD1 passed third reading.

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

*Councilmembers Tulba and Tupola voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-290 Testimony on Bill 11
M-318 Testimony on Bill 11

THIRD READING

BILL 12, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 140

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

The following amendments were posted on the agenda:

Bill 12, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Cordero)
Bill 12, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Council Chair Waters)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 12, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0535/6/6/2023 3:40 PM)

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 140 be adopted and Bill 12, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

Chair Waters called upon councilmembers to explain their Budget Floor Draft Summary.

Chair Waters stated that after considering the proposed amendments, he explained his handcarried floor draft amendment presents a balanced Executive Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Bill be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0535/6/6/2023 3:40 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Angela Young, Kapalama NSW (General comment)

Bill 12, CD2 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0535/6/6/2023 3:40 PM).

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

NOES: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Cordero stated that there were long discussions in Committee on what each councilmember wanted which she supported and passed out her CD2 in Budget Committee. She noted that the projects are for a two-year period and when they are passed this year and made available, councilmembers need to follow-up on the projects to ensure funds are expended.

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked Budget Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the affordable housing and homeless service provisos that are in the measure. She stated that when the State of Hawai'i accepted responsibility to administer the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as a condition of statehood it included all State agencies, and all counties. Councilmember Kia'āina expressed her gratefulness for the \$44 million for the Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and her excitement for the Hawaiian Homelands infrastructure.

Councilmember Weyer thanked the Budget Chair and everyone for working together. He expressed his appreciation for the funding to the parks from Waipahu to North Shore to Kahaluu, especially for the support of the pool and recreation.

Councilmember Tupola stated that this measure shows all the suggestions that have been made by her community. She stated that she looks forward to seeing all of the projects happen for the communities and is grateful for all the new things that got added.

Councilmember Say voiced his support for the Capital Improvement Budget. He clarified that the total General Obligation Bond float was \$654 million, the ceiling that every year the Council and the County can float. Councilmember Say noted that the budget was fairly apportioned to the nine Council districts. He stated that he hopes the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services and the Department of Design and Construction can move quickly on the projects.

Committee Report 140 was adopted and Bill 12, CD2, FD1 passed third reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-309 Testimony on Bill 12

THIRD READING

BILL 13 – COMMITTEE REPORT 141

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AGGREGATE OF THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF SAID CITY AND COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND SPECIFIED IN SAID ORDINANCE TO BE FINANCED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, THE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, SOLID WASTE IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, OR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 141 be adopted and Bill 13 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 141 was adopted and Bill 13 passed third reading.

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

NOES: None.

THIRD READING

BILL 14, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 142

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ONE-TIME REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Bill 14, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 142 be adopted and Bill 14 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Bill be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Kia'āina explained the FD1 amendment.

Councilmember Cordero stated that in the beginning of discussions she did not support the measure, but as she heard more discussion in Committee and going through the Permitted Interaction Group process, she supports moving the Bill forward along with other real property tax proposals.

Councilmember Weyer stated that after hearing the Permitted Interaction Group report, councilmembers will have the opportunity to discuss and introduce real property tax bills. He stated that he appreciates the collaboration between the Administration and the Council on the measure.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-169).

Councilmember Tupola read a part of Ted Kefalas' testimony which gave a good analysis of the measure and she thanked him and all who testified. She stated that she is in support of the FD1 and also thanked the introducer.

Chair Waters also thanked Ted Kefalas for his testimony. He stated that the measure puts money back into the people's pocket this year. Chair Waters thanked Councilmember Kia'āina for the amendment.

Bill 14 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Say stated that on behalf of the residents of District 5, thank you for the \$350 tax credit for those who qualify. He noted that he heard the testifiers who talked about how help can be given to renters and that he would consider that in the future. Councilmember Say expressed his concern that the State Legislature should give the counties another form of taxation because the counties cannot survive on only real property taxes to finance county government services. He stated that he is concerned that the general public is flaunting our laws that cannot be enforced.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Wallyn Christian (General comment)

Chair Waters stated for the record that he filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-160).

Councilmember Say filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-187).

Committee Report 142 was adopted and Bill 14, FD1 passed third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-295 Testimony on Bill 14

THIRD READING

BILL 10, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 138

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Bill 10, CD1, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Kia'āina)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 10, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2023-0532/6/5/2023 4:12 PM)

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 138 be adopted and Bill 10 pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Bill be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0532/6/5/2023 4:12 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Kia'aina explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Brett Kulbis (M-288) (Oppose)
2. Carol Jay (M-288) (Oppose)
3. Angela Young, CARES (M-288) (Support)
4. Mialisa Otis (M-288) (Oppose)
5. Choon James, CountryTalkStory.com (M-288) (Oppose)
6. Tara Rojas (M-288) (Oppose)
7. Natalie Iwasa (M-288) (Oppose)
8. Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros (Oppose)
9. Jack James (M-288) (Oppose)
10. Adriel Lam (General comment)
11. Jessica Priya Caiazzo (M-288) (Oppose)
12. Donald Sakamoto (Oppose)
13. Ed Jones (General comment)
14. Chloe Rista (M-288) (Oppose)
15. Chenh Phuong (Oppose)
16. Tiare Simpson (Oppose)
17. Wallyn Christian (Oppose)

Bill 10, CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2023-0532/6/5/2023 4:12 PM).

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

NOES: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she opposes the raises and noted that the funds for the raises are not included in the line item for both the City Administration as well as the City Council. She stated that she would like to hear the Resolutions rejecting all the raises.

In response to councilmembers, Kenny Amazaki, Council Administrative Services stated that:

- The only change to the budget was the subscription cost for the IQ Leidos or the constituent resource management software.
- The initial budget that was presented to the Council per guidance from the Chair included 4 percent increases to salaries across the board including councilmembers. The Clerk's Office civil service employees are included in collective bargaining and would get that increase.
- The increase in councilmember salaries would be a difference of \$376,392 and that would not affect staff members.
- Councilmembers will still receive an annual \$4,200 car allowance.

Councilmember Tupola stated that the raise did not go through yet and there is time to reject the Salary Commission's recommendation until June 25. She stated that she opposes this Bill because there is no money for the proposed increase and there will have to be transferring of funds to cover the costs. Councilmember Tupola stated that she appreciates the raise but she works for her community and desire the same transparency, communication, and openness that is done with affordable housing. She stated that councilmembers cannot be compared to civil servants because they are exempt from civil service, they are not part of collective bargaining, they have limited vacation and sick leave, they have no daily hourly requirements, they are not subject to Hawai'i Wage and Labor Laws, and they do not face disciplinary action. Councilmember Tupola stated that she works for her community and wants to continue to by serving them and listening to their voices. She hopes that the other measures can have a hearing.

In response to councilmembers Lloyd Yoshioka, Deputy Director, Office of Counsel Services stated that:

- Even if the Council makes a change to the Legislative budget the only way for the Council to reject the pay raise is for Council to do a Resolution specifically rejecting the Salary Commission's recommendation.
- In the event a transfer of funds is necessary, he believes there is enough money in the budget to cover with current expense savings and that would be up to the Chair to approve.

- Money can be transferred from any activity, any character expenditure such as current expense.
- He would have to what happens if the Legislative budget is not passed.

Councilmember Weyer stated that his community knows where he stands since April but he will be voting for the Legislative budget because there is work to continue.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-170).

Councilmember Okimoto thanked the testifiers for coming to the hearing and stated that while there has been frustration, she hoped that everyone could be respectful and work together. She stated that the process has allowed her to be very informed and educated on the matter and she has heard and understands arguments from both sides and has been given support and faced opposition. Councilmember Okimoto believes that the Salary Commission worked in the best interest of the people. She stated that she would have preferred staggering the increase but understands why it was done this way, but would like to find a way to fix the process so that it is not a burden on future Councils. Councilmember Okimoto stated that the reason she ran for this position was to have a direct impact on the everyday lives of everyday people of which she considers herself. She stated that the needs of people do not end at 4 p.m., there are no holidays or weekends when it comes to the needs of her constituents. Councilmember Okimoto stated that as elected officials they should always be accountable for the decisions being made, even this one and she will continue to work and represent her community to the best of her ability. She stated that there is a misconception that councilmembers are greedy or are not in the community and she believes that is untrue for all councilmembers regardless of where they stand on the issue. She also stated that she was raised that if you do not agree with somebody you can disagree with them but do it respectfully and that there should not be any personal attacks or threats. Councilmember Okimoto stated she will continue to fight for what she believes is right for her community.

Councilmember Say voiced his support of Bill 10, CD1, FD1. He thanked the audience for staying and testifying and listening to the discussion. He stated that he ran for office because he thought he could make a difference and apply what he has learned at the State Legislature. Councilmember Say stated that he supports the pay raise for future councilmembers who may be running for office to have stability if they do not want to have to work another job. He stated that he would like more discussion on the other measures.

Councilmember Tulba stated his opposition to the Bill. He stated that with over 300 written testimonies opposing the measure he cannot support the measure. He stated that a councilmember's job is not easy and they work really hard. He noted that councilmembers have not gotten a raise in years but the one-time \$44,000 increase is not only unwarranted

it is unsustainable. Councilmember Tulba stated that in the Charter, the qualification to be a councilmember is only to live in the district, aside by attending monthly committee meetings and Council meetings, the Charter does not say much about the duties, it does not say if it is full or part time. He stated that the constituents did not vote for the Salary Commission they voted for each councilmember and believes that the Council should be listening the people and reject the salary increase.

Councilmembers Waters (CC-161), Cordero (CC-158) stated for the record that they filed Disclosure of Interest Statements with the City Clerk's office.

Councilmembers Tupola (CC-184) and Tulba (CC-182) stated for the record that they will be filing Disclosure of Interest Statements with the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Kia'āina asked Chair to have a hearing on the measure that incorporates everyone's raises so everyone can have a discussion. She stated that for herself she cannot work another job because of the type of work that is required to be full time. She also stated that when she first was a councilmember she believed it was a part-time job. Councilmember Kia'āina explained her commitment to her community and her past experiences.

Councilmember Tupola quoted the Salary Commission rejection in 2002. The Council intends that this disapproval symbolize an immediate sacrifice by major City policy makers who are responsible for addressing the fiscal difficulties of the City. She stated that when councilmembers vote on the Bill they are sending a symbol that they stand with the working class and with the communities. She hoped that this conversation would be in a Resolution to find a win win situation.

Councilmember Say filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-188).

Committee Report 138 was adopted and Bill 10, CD1, FD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, WEYER, WATERS – 7.

NOES: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

Related communications:

M-288 Testimony on Bill 10

M-319 Testimony on Bill 10

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-33, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 145

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 23-33, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 145 and Resolution 23-33 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

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

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (Support)

Councilmember Kia'aina thanked Chair Waters for the measure and to Natalie for her testimony. She stated that she strongly supports extending relief to Residential A property owners due to a recent significant increase in property value.

Chair Waters stated that Resolution 23-33 will provide immediate relief for those who qualify for Residential A category which are those who own second homes over \$1 million. He explained how the measure will help homeowners who are providing rental properties for the local residents and it is revenue neutral.

Resolution 23-33 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

NOES: None.

Committee Report 145 and Resolution 23-33, FD1 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-293 Testimony on Resolution 23-33

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-105, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, VALUED AT \$3,500, TO THE CITY FROM FUZHOU MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT FOR CHIEF OF STAFF SAMUEL MOKU TO ATTEND "BOND WITH KULIANG: 2023 CHINA-U.S. PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP FORUM" IN FUZHOU, CHINA, FROM JUNE 27-29, 2023.

Resolution 23-105 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee (CC-151).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 23-105, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-105 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Resolution be amended to the handcarried FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Kia'aina explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 23-105 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Resolution 23-105, FD1 was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-317 Testimony on Resolution 23-105

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-108

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 23-108 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated for the record that she will be filing a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-172).

Resolution 23-108 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-110

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TUITION, TRANSPORTATION, MEALS AND LODGING, VALUED AT \$15,350 TO THE CITY FROM BLOOMBERG HARVARD CITY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS FROM JUNE 10-16, 2023.

Resolution 23-110 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee (CC-152).

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-110 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (General comment)

Resolution 23-110 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-114

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE HAZARD PAY TO ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORMED ESSENTIAL WORK DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-114 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked Chair Waters for introducing the Resolution. He stated that the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) was specifically intended for this. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that this is very appropriate at this time and he is in strong support of the measure.

Councilmember Kia'aina stated that she supports ensuring that the City employees are compensated for essential work performed during the COVID-19 public health emergency. She stated that their significant contributions helped to keep City operations on track and the community safe.

Chair Waters stated that he believes that the SLFRF were also meant for this. He encouraged the Administration to keep in mind that if there are any remaining funds to use it to pay for hazard pay.

Councilmember Weyer raised a question from the community regarding the dates in the Resolution.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained that the February 9 date was when the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services announced the renewal of the COVID-19 public health emergency through May 11, 2023 and that the Department did not plan any additional renewals.

Resolution 23-114 was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-302 Testimony on Resolution 23-114

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-115

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT \$3,789.42 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 SUMMER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND ARTS LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY SEMINAR IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, JUNE 26 - 30, 2023.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-115 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (General comment)

Resolution 23-115 was adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communication:

M-316 Testimony on Resolution 23-115

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 23-116

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO POWER WASHERS TO THE CITY FROM THE CHINATOWN BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR CLEANING SIDEWALKS AND OTHER AREAS IN CHINATOWN.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 23-116 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked the Chinatown Business and Community Association for their contributions and stated that Chinatown is a very important place.

Resolution 23-116 was adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communication:

M-315 Testimony on Resolution 23-116

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 23-117

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF \$3,500.00 TO THE CITY FROM THE HONOLULU CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB FOR BEAUTIFYING OR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO SMITH-BERETANIA PARK.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Resolution 23-117 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked the Chinatown Lions Club for their contributions and stated that Chinatown is a very important place.

Resolution 23-117 was adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'AINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Waters reminded councilmembers to turn in their nominations for the Youth Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m., Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer and there being no objections from the 8 members present (Absent: Cordero – 1), it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED:

July 12, 2023