



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON ZONING

Voting Members:

Calvin K.Y. Say, Chair
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Esther Kia'aina
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Zoning was called to order by Committee Chair Calvin Say at 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Okimoto (non-voting member), and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:09 a.m.]

1. OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING POLICY ON BUILDING IN AREAS SUBJECT TO COASTAL HAZARDS AND EROSION.

[9:31 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

Related communication:

M-53 Testimony on Overview of Department of Planning and Permitting Policy on Building in areas subject to Coastal Hazards and Erosion

FOR DISCUSSION

[9:34 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 24-23

128 NORTH NIMITZ HIGHWAY – CHINATOWN HOTEL DEVELOPMENT (2023/PDP-1). Approving a conceptual plan for an Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) Permit to Ikenakea Hokele LLC to construct a new 15-story, 200-foot-tall hotel building and to renovate an existing historic warehouse on land zoned BMX-4 Community Business Mixed-Use District located at 128 North Nimitz, and identified as Tax Map Key(s) 1-7-002: 013, 023, and 050.

[9:35 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Chris Flaherty, the Developer and Patrick Seguirant, the Applicant's Agent, to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-50)

[10:08 a.m.]

Committee Chair Say exited the Council Chamber.

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[10:10 a.m.]

Committee Chair Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:13 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[10:14 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[10:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:20 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Joli Tokusato, UNITE HERE Local 5 (M-51) (Support)

[10:22 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

Related communication:

M-51 Testimony on Resolution 24-23

FOR ACTION

[10:23 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 24-14 – COMMITTEE REPORT 49

68-617 CROZIER DRIVE – MOKULĒ‘IA (2023/SMA-90). Granting a Special Management Area (“SMA”) Use Permit to Peter and Julia How (the “Applicant”) to allow for the demolition of existing dwellings and construction of two new detached single-family dwellings, a garage, and swimming pool on a shoreline lot located in the R-7.5 Residential District and identified as Tax Map Key 6-8-004: 005.

[10:24 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Todd Hassler, the Applicant's Agent, to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-48)

[10:35 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

1. Michael McCurdy (M-54) (Oppose)

[10:40 p.m.]

Resolution 24-14 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0080/2/2/2024 4:50 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-37	Department of Planning and Permitting
M-54	Testimony on Resolution 24-14

[10:41 a.m.]

4. BILL 65 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 48

RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE. Adopting the Hawaii State Building Code, including Appendices U, W, and X; the State Residential Code; the State Existing Building Code, subject to local amendments herein, and updating Article 13 (“Hawaii Residential Safe Room”) and Article 14 (“State- and City-Owned High Occupancy Buildings – Design Criteria for Enhanced Hurricane Protection Areas”).

[10:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:02 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Ian Robertson (M-52) (Oppose)
2. Gary Chock, ASCE 7 Tsunami Loads and Effects Subcommittee (M-52) (General comment)
3. Steven Baldrige, Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii (M-52) (Oppose)
4. Dave Arakawa, Land Use Resource Foundation (Support)

[11:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:07 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:35 a.m.]

Bill 65 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0153/2/20/2024 8:33 AM).

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 4.
NOES: CORDERO – 1.

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[11:35 a.m.]

Bill 65 (2023), CD1 reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-16	Councilmember Say
D-806(23)	Department of Planning and Permitting
D-837(23)	Department of Planning and Permitting
D-92	Department of Planning and Permitting
M-52	Testimony on Bill 65 (2023)

FOR DISCUSSION

[11:36 a.m.]

5. POLICIES REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 201H PROJECTS; STATUS UPDATE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF COUNCIL APPROVED 201H PROJECTS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

[11:37 a.m.]

Committee Chair called upon Department of Planning and Permitting Director Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, to give a presentation on the Policies regarding the approval of 201H Projects; Status update by the Department of Planning and Permitting of Council approved 201H Projects in the past five years. (D-89)

[12:13 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.