



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
19TH SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

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 10:12 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, appointees, Chief of Staff Andy Sugg, and Directors of the City Administration to the Council Chamber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that the Minutes of the 18th 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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-36, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 62

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIE KUMABE TO SERVE ON THE SALARY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 62 and Resolution 24-36, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Andy Sugg, Chief of Staff (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she was not able to meet with the nominee because of their schedules but will find time to meet. She stated that she has a concern that there needs to be a balance on the Salary Commission. Councilmember Tupola stated that it is important for Boards and Commission to represent the community voice. She noted that she will be voting with reservations on the measure.

Committee Report 62 and Resolution 24-36, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

*Councilmember Tupola voted aye with reservations.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 24-40

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY MIZUNO TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Anthony Mizuno (General comment)

Chair Waters referred Resolution 24-40 to the Committee on Planning and the Economy for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 24-41

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASPER WONG TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Ka'ili Trask O'Connell, Executive Director, Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts
(General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Andy Sugg, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor stated that the Administration is very focused and deliberate about gender equity nominations to the Boards and Commissions and they ask Department Directors for suggestions of appointees. Currently the Administration is scheduling a meeting with Executive Director Trask O'Connell and her staff to get names of nominees for the Commission.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 24-41 to the Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 24-42

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL ROBINSON TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Michael Robinson (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Mr. Robinson stated that he attended two meetings and it was productive, well managed and organized. He is currently on the Maintenance Committee which will be having its first meeting.

Councilmembers Tupola and Cordero thanked Mr. Robinson for his willingness to serve.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 24-42 to the Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 24-43

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID SGAN TO SERVE ON THE GRANTS IN AID ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

David Sgan (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated her strong support for the nominee and hopes that he will bring his different experience to the Grants in Aid Commission.

Chair Waters referred Resolution 24-43 to the Committee on Budget for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 24-23 AND RESOLUTION 24-23, PROPOSED CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 75

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR AN INTERIM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-TRANSIT (IPD-T) PROJECT FOR THE CHINATOWN HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 75 be adopted and Resolution 24-23 and Resolution 24-23, Proposed CD1 be referred to the Committee on Zoning. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individual testified:

Ivan Ho, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Support)

Committee Report 75 was adopted and Resolution 24-23 and Resolution 24-23, Proposed CD1 referred to the Committee on Zoning.

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

FIRST READING

BILL 11

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 11 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-107) (Oppose)
2. Choon James (M-107) (General comment)

Councilmember Say stated that he is in strong support of Bills 11 to 17. He thanked the Administration for submitting a balanced budget at this time and noted that the Bills give the general public an overview of how county government spending is done.

Councilmember Say stated that the general public should realize that the only source of revenue is from real property tax and he hopes that the Legislature would look into sharing some of the fines that are collected at the Traffic Violations Bureau.

Bill 11 passed first reading.

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

Related communication:

M-107 Testimony on Bill 11

FIRST READING

BILL 12

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 12 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Choon James (M-112) (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola stated that her top two concerns are parks and public safety. She noted that on the West side they need staff to help maintain the parks. She also stated that there are over 400 vacancies in the Police Department and encouraged the Chief to consider retention bonuses. Councilmember Tupola stated that she is looking forward to amendments to the measure.

See Bill 11 for comments by Councilmember Say.

Councilmember Tulba stated that he will be voting with reservations. He stated that after hearing the Mayor's State of the City address, he is optimistic about the direction of the Administration in prioritizing the voice of the people. Councilmember Tulba stated that he looks forward to seeing how the Council can work to create a sound budget that is balanced and that put the needs of the community first.

Bill 12 passed first reading.

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

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-112 Testimony on Bill 12

FIRST READING

BILL 13

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 13 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Choon James (M-114) (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola stated that drainage and intersections are her concerns. She noted that the Department of Design and Construction is understaffed but the area she is worried about gets flooded because there is no drainage and it damages the surrounding properties. Councilmember Tupola stated that there needs to be infrastructure in Kapolei.

See Bill 11 for comments by Councilmember Say.

Bill 13 passed first reading.

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

Related communication:

M-114 Testimony on Bill 13

FIRST READING

BILL 14

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, 2025, 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 Kia'aina moved that Bill 14 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

See Bill 11 for comments by Councilmember Say.

Bill 14 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 16

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Bill 16 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

See Bill 11 for comments by Councilmember Say.

Bill 16 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 17

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 17 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Choon James (M-113) (Oppose)

See Bill 11 for comments by Councilmember Say.

Bill 17 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-113 Testimony on Bill 17

FIRST READING

BILL 18

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO POUNDMASTERS.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Bill 18 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 18 passed first reading.

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

FIRST READING

BILL 19, FD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HOUSING.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Bill 19, FD1 passed first reading. See page 12.)

FIRST READING

BILL 20

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FINES, FEES, AND OTHER REVENUES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Bill 20 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
2. Victoria Johnson (M-109) (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she opposes any fines that will go to fund the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). She noted that the police officers that give out tickets do not get the funds returned to the City. Councilmember Tupola urged the Council to help DPP put in a line item instead of creating a fund.

Councilmember Cordero stated that DPP should not be allowed to have a special fund. She also stated that DPP should not continue to receive fines or revenues and should strive to develop a system where they do not have to fine people. She noted that the DPP should be self-sustainable through a revenue source. Councilmember Cordero stated that she will be voting no on Bill 20.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that he introduced the measure to explore every available option. He noted that the DPP gets their revenue from fines but their primary source is from processing permits. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted that in his district there is an illegal four-term rental that has \$10 million in fines accruing and nothing has been collected and yet DPP is asking for more money to run their Department. He stated that he looks forward to more discussion and welcomed any ideas to improve DPP.

Bill 20 passed first reading.

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

*Councilmembers Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-109 Testimony on Bill 20

FIRST READING
BILL 21

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 21 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she supports the measure and is happy that the measure is being talked about and some action being taken.

Bill 21 passed first reading.

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

FIRST READING
BILL 19, FD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HOUSING.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 19, Proposed FD1 (OCS2024-0275/3/21/2024 4:13 PM)

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Bill 19 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Bill 19 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2024-0275/3/21/2024 4:13 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Weyer. Councilmember Cordero explained the FD1 amendments.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted that provisions 3 and 4 are being proposed to be removed from the Bill because it relates to the rules that the Mayor signed on Friday. He thanked the Administration for pushing forward on affordable housing proposals.

Councilmember Weyer stated that he will be voting with reservations and supports the intent of the measure. He noted that he wants to focus on creating housing opportunities for local residents and appreciates the amendments to the Bill. Councilmember Weyer stated that he looks forward to continued discussion on the rental relief bill.

Councilmember Say stated that he will be voting with reservations.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she supports the amendment and the Bill. She noted that in January there was a hearing regarding the Administrative rules for the Department of Planning and Permitting regarding affordable housing.

Bill 19 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2024-0275/3/21/2024 4:13 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.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she is looking forward to discussion in Committee to provide an avenue to be a priority or preference for residents. She also looks forward to a dialog on the legality and the scope. Councilmember Kia'āina supports the introduction of the measure and moving it forward.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she was honored to co-introduce the Bill because it will allow for further discussion and promote the furtherance of City housing programs.

Bill 19, FD1 passed first reading.

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

NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Say and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-111 Testimony on Bill 19

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
RESOLUTION 24-50 – COMMITTEE REPORT 59

RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973 (AMENDED 2017 EDITION), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN SAFETY.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 59 be adopted and Resolution 24-50 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. Sarah Fairchild, Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation (M-104) (Support)
2. Bryan Phillips (M-104) (Support)
3. Racquel Achiu (M-104) (Support)
4. Robin Bond, Jr. (Support)

In response to Councilmember Tupola, John Titchen, Chief of Ocean Safety stated that:

- Ocean Safety works with other counties all the time and recently did a rescue watercraft exercise. He also noted that they work with a lot of community members.
- There will be an annual aquatic safety day in August.
- They have an opportunity to move into the 21st century with this group of lifeguards who are the best in the world.
- If Ocean Safety becomes its own Department, it would need an administrative staff of nine personnel and about \$1 million in salaries.
- It is better to allow the community to have engagement and allow them to watch the steps that are being taken.
- A commission works in many municipalities in the United States. He believes that a commission would work here because it allow the community to have engagement.
- He was asked to provide names for a task force but feels that a task force could have been assembled with a far more robust representation of the community.
- He stands in strong support of the Resolution.

Councilmember Tupola stated that an Ocean Safety Commission can only be created through Resolution 24-50, approved by the Council and voted by the public. She noted that having a strong foundation of Ocean Safety Commissioners along with the community shaping the policies and procedures of an Ocean Safety Department is the right way to go. Councilmember Tupola stated that she introduced this Resolution

because the time has come. She noted that last year 17 position were added to the Ocean Safety Division, and the first new life guard tower in 11 years was put in Kahe Point. Councilmember Tupola stated that she is support of the Resolution.

Committee Report 59 was adopted and Resolution 24-50 passed second reading.

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

Related communication:

M-104 Testimony on Resolution 24-50

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 7 – COMMITTEE REPORT 70

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DECLARING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU A PURPLE HEART CITY.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 70 be adopted and Bill 7 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tulba stated his support of the measure and thanked the Council for their continued support of the measure and for the support of all the Purple Heart recipients.

Committee Report 70 was adopted and Bill 7 passed second reading.

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

Related communication:

M-101 Testimony on Bill 7

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 8 – COMMITTEE REPORT 71

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENTS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 71 be adopted and Bill 8 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Pane Meatoga III, Operating Engineers Local 3 (Support)
2. Nathaniel Kinney, Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)

In response to councilmembers, Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Managing Director stated that:

- At the City level he does not expect any impact on the production of affordable housing projects.
- The threshold of \$2 million for capital improvement projects was pre-existing from the previous Bill.
- He does not know how many projects were subject to Community Workforce Agreements in FY23 and will get back to the Council with that answer.
- The practical effect of Bill 8 is that it clarifies when it is applicable. He stated that it has been an issue since the preceding Ordinance went into effect and this measure will make it easier for all of the parties involved to understand when it applies and when it does not.

Committee Report 71 was adopted and Bill 8 passed second reading.

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

NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Say and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-106 Testimony on Bill 8

PUBLIC HEARING

BILL 2, CD1 AND BILL 2, CD1, PROPOSED CD2

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

Councilmember Cordero explained the proposed CD2.

The following individual testified:

Dre Kalili, Honolulu Rate Commission (D-209) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero stated that the Bill is having further public discussion as it suggested fare changes and noted that with councilmembers' indulgence the Bill will go back to the Committee on Budget for further discussion.

Chair Waters referred Bill 2, CD1 and Bill 2, CD1, Proposed CD2 to the Committee on Budget for further discussion.

Related communications:

CC-5	Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
CC-43	Councilmember Cordero
D-209	Honolulu Rate Commission

RECOMMITTAL TO COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
BILL 26 (2022), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 69

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GIFTS TO MAYOR, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNCILMEMBER, AND OFFICE OR EMPLOYEE.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda and not considered:

Bill 26 (2022), CD2, Proposed FD1

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 26 (2022), CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2024-0301/3/25/2024 6:55 AM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 69 be adopted and Bill 26 (2022), CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that the Bill be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2024-0301/3/25/2024 6:55 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Laurie Wong-Nowinski, Assistant Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Honolulu Ethics Commission stated that the Ethics Commission does not oppose having the measure reintroduced in order to have further discussion.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that the Ethics Commission has done a good job but she has concerns with the financial relationship with the City, the verbiage on indirectly, and the approval authority exemptions. She also stated that she is committed to getting another measure out before the end of the fiscal year.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated he would like to have further discussion on the measure. He noted his appreciation to the Ethics Commission staff and commissioners on the time and work they have provided. He stated that he would like a policy that works and if the measure needs to be reintroduced, he would withdraw his motion to amend.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she supports the re-committal of the measure to the Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs and noted her preference that the current language in the Bill be kept the same when a new measure is reintroduced.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam withdrew his motion to amend to the handcarried FD1. Councilmember Cordero withdrew her second.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 69 and Bill 26 (2022), CD2 be recommitted to the Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

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

Related communications:

D-202 Ethics Commission
D-204 Honolulu Ethics Commission

THIRD READING
BILL 1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 80

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HERBAL CIGARETTES.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 80 be adopted and Bill 1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 80 was adopted and Bill 1 passed third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-102 Testimony on Bill 1

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 24-22, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 36

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 36 and Resolution 24-22, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-57).

Committee Report 36 and Resolution 24-22, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 24-29 – COMMITTEE REPORT 60

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 60 and Resolution 24-29 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 60 and Resolution 24-29 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 24-30 – COMMITTEE REPORT 61

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOW-FLOW FIXTURES AT CITY PARKS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 61 and Resolution 24-30 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 61 and Resolution 24-30 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-45 – COMMITTEE REPORT 63

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S THIRTIETH (30TH) YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 63 and Resolution 24-45 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'aina thanked Department of Budget and Fiscal Services Director Kawano and his staff, Department of Parks and Recreation Director Thielen, and Department of Design and Construction Director Milles for meeting with her and discussing her concerns on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming funds dedicated to park rehabilitation projects. She stated that she supports funding parks but has concerns about where the funds comes from especially when the funds can go toward providing crucial support to local non-profit organizations. Councilmember Kia'aina stated that the City needs to prioritize awarding CDBG funds to community organizations to support their important work. She noted that the City has historically awarded CDBG funds for purchases of special needs housing. She stated that she will be voting with reservations on the measure.

Committee Report 63 and Resolution 24-45 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Kia'aina and Tupola voted aye with reservations.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-52, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 64

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND 2024 APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 24-52, Proposed FD1 (OCS2024-0254/3/18/2024 4:23 PM)

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 64 and Resolution 24-52 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Resolution 24-52 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2024-0254/3/18/2024 4:23 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Weyer. Councilmember Cordero explained the FD1 amendments.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola voiced her support of the measure. She stated that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has always been unclear as to when or where the monies are being moved. Councilmember Tupola stated that being transparent as possible when it comes to affordable housing is important because there is a lot of movement and flexibility of monies making the process hard to understand. Councilmember Tupola stated that she looks forward to receiving a clearer update from the Administration.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked the introducer of the measure for requesting this information. He stated that it is vital for the Council, in working with the Administration, to hold them accountable in making sure that the funding priorities are carried out in a reasonable way. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that he hopes in the future that the Administration will give the Council updates on their policy initiatives so that the Council can be supportive in order to create more housing for our people.

Councilmember Kia'āina thanked Budget Chair Cordero for including CDBG in her FD1 as part of the City Administration's update for projects relating to affordable housing and homelessness. She stated that part of the challenge has been the time frame because it was a continuation from the previous Administration but the City needs to get back on track.

Resolution 24-52 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2024-0254/3/18/2024 4:23 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.

Committee Report 64 and Resolution 24-52, FD1 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 24-53 – COMMITTEE REPORT 65

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS
OWED TO THE CITY.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 65 and Resolution 24-53 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Cordero noted that there was a robust discussion in Committee on the measure. She stated that these types of Resolutions come up annually due to consequences out of the City's abilities and capabilities to fine or collect fines and she would like to have further discussion with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to see how they can collect the uncollectable fines or get further assistance by looking at how other municipalities manage this situation.

Committee Report 65 and Resolution 24-53 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-55 – COMMITTEE REPORT 66

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 66 and Resolution 24-55 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 66 and Resolution 24-55 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-56 – COMMITTEE REPORT 67

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE WEST TOWER LLC FOR ITS EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY WITHIN THE HONOULIULI WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY, 'EWA BEACH, O'AHU, HAWAI'I, TMK: 9-1-069:003.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 67 and Resolution 24-56 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Melissa Pavlicek, Crown Castle (M-105) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero stated that there was a great discussion in Committee regarding telecommunication facilities and how the City could look at having a master agreement.

Committee Report 67 and Resolution 24-56 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-105 Testimony on Resolution 24-56

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-31 – COMMITTEE REPORT 68

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL ON THE TRANSFER AND BILLING OF AMBULANCE SERVICES FROM THE STATE.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 68 and Resolution 24-31 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that in the Resolution it states that there has not been an update whether the Honolulu Emergency Services Department has created a policy on billing. She noted that it was requested that the Department explain the purpose, request, mission, and stats for CORE as this is very important for the budgeting process.

Committee Report 68 and Resolution 24-31 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-49 – COMMITTEE REPORT 72

RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU A PURPLE HEART CITY AND COUNTY TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR AND HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 72 and Resolution 24-49 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tulba thanked Takumi Abe, Edward Cruickshank and members and supporters of the Purple Heart Rainbow Charter for their service and sacrifices to our Country.

Committee Report 72 and Resolution 24-49 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-110 Testimony on Resolution 24-49

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-24, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 76

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING WITH AN INTEGRATED GARAGE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN NIU, O'AHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 76 and Resolution 24-24, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 76 and Resolution 24-24, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-38, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 77

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ONO VISTA CONDOMINIUM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN WAIALUA, O’AHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 77 and Resolution 24-38, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 77 and Resolution 24-38, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-39, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 78

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES AT WAI’ANE HIGH SCHOOL IN WAI’ANAE, O’AHU.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 78 and Resolution 24-39, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that last year the Department of Education came to the Council to get a Special Management Area Permit for the Waianae High School girl’s locker room, which was a huge step in the right direction for Title 9 sports and female athletes on the West side. She expressed her gratefulness to the Legislature for their continued support of Waianae athletics by prioritizing the upgrading of the track and field and noted that the Council can take a small part of this project by voting yes.

Committee Report 78 and Resolution 24-39, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-103 Testimony on Resolution 24-39

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-46 – COMMITTEE REPORT 79

RESOLUTION URGING THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS TO IMPROVE ITS PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF ITS MEETINGS AND MAKING ITS ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

Councilmember Say moved that Committee Report 79 and Resolution 24-46 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 79 and Resolution 24-46 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-65, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 81

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 1630, H.D. 1, AND SENATE BILL 3202, S.D. 2, RELATING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 81 and Resolution 24-65, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

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.

The following individuals testified:

1. Christine Otto Zaa, HI Good Neighbor (M-100) (Support)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i (M-100) (Oppose)
3. Whitney Bosel (M-100) (Support)
4. Choon James (M-100) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the Planning Committee for having a conversation and for the Council for getting involved in the decision that the Legislature is making that directly affects the City. She emphasized that the decision is being made at the Legislature and encouraged everyone to attend and testify at the hearing next Monday at 2 p.m. She would like the amendments to be discussed and put into the Bill. Councilmember Tupola stated she will be voting no on the Bill because she feels that the process is moving and it would be like voting no on a Bill that is being currently discussed.

Councilmember Weyer stated that he will be supporting the Resolution. He stated that his hope is that the Legislature will continue to be open with the conversation because there are a lot of components that were mentioned and he supports affordable housing and all mechanisms. Councilmember Weyer would like to be ensured that the Bills have sufficient criteria for the Department of Planning and Permitting to be able to reject the Bills if it is going to negatively impact particular areas of O'ahu.

Councilmember Tulba noted that he will be voting with reservations.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated he will be voting with reservations because he believes that the Council needs to be part of the discussion and that the Legislature has not included the voices of the constituents the Council represents. He stated that he hopes that they will have an opportunity to have a robust discussion moving forward with the Legislature on housing.

Councilmember Say stated that he is in strong support of the measure. He stated that all affordable housing projects are exempt from real property tax in perpetuity. Councilmember Say stated that where there is increased density then they should be given more resources like police, fire, EMS, and opala. He asked the Legislature to have a discussion.

Councilmember Kia'aina stated that she supports the measure. She expressed her appreciation to the State Legislature in their efforts to increase housing availability on O'ahu but is concerned that as the Bill is drafted it will not achieve its intended objectives to help local families. She stated that she is worried that the Bill will instead increase speculation by outside investors whose sole motivation will be financial gain while disrupting the quality of life and character of our residential communities.

Committee Report 81 and Resolution 24-65, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM*, KIA'AINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA*, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-207 Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31
D-208 Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31
M-100 Testimony on Resolution 24-65

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMLACR-73 Request for authorization to deem \$7,010.83 in over payment of accrued vacation leave and advance payroll be deemed uncollectable, and that the City not seek reimbursement from a former employee.

EMLACR-74 Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Jonaven Perkins-Sinapati, et al. v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-22-0000429 (Cir. Ct.).

Councilmember Kia'aina 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 24-59

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A HAWAIIAN HAWK ENCLOSURE VALUED AT \$53,423 TO THE CITY FROM THE HONOLULU ZOO SOCIETY FOR INSTALLATION AT THE HONOLULU ZOO.

Resolution 24-59 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts (CC-48).

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 24-59 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Tracy Kubota, Deputy Director, Department of Enterprise Services stated that the Honolulu Zoo currently has 2 Hawaiian Hawks and the exhibit will be located closer to the Nene.

Resolution 24-59 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 24-68

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF LODGING, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1,200 FROM THE MAYOR OF BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES TO THE CITY FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 HONOLULU PHILIPPINES SISTER CITY GOODWILL MISSION FROM FEBRUARY 24-25, 2024.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Resolution 24-68 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 24-68 was adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-108 Testimony on Resolution 24-68

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:49 p.m., Councilmember Kia'aina moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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:

April 17, 2024