HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair
Radiant Cordero, Vice-Chair
Val A. Okimoto
Calvin K.Y. Say
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 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 Planning and the Economy was called to order by Committee Chair Esther Kia'āina at 9:03 a.m. Councilmembers Okimoto (voting member), Say (voting member), and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:04 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:05 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-119 – COMMITTEE REPORT 143

   REPROGRAMMING OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR HAZARD PAY. Relating to the reprogramming of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program monies in support of hazard pay.

[9:11 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[9:14 a.m.]

Councilmember Say moved that the Committee resolve into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

At 9:15 a.m., with no objections from the five voting members present (Cordero, Kia‘āina, Okimoto, Say, Weyer), the Committee resolved into a closed meeting pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), to consult with the attorneys for the Council’s Committee on Planning and the Economy on questions and issues pertaining to claims and other matters on the Council’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities of the City, the Council, and its committees on Resolution 24-119.

MEETING RESUMED IN OPEN SESSION

At 9:31 a.m., with five voting members present (Cordero, Kia‘āina, Okimoto, Say, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session.

Upon reconvening, the Committee Chair provided a brief description of the discussion in Executive Session pursuant to HRS Section 92-4(b).

[9:33 a.m.]

Resolution 24-119 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0461/5/1/2024 1:47 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA‘ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-75 Managing Director

2. RESOLUTION 24-120

REPROGRAMMING OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR RENTAL AND UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM. Relating to the reprogramming of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program monies to support the Rental and Utility Relief Program.

This item was cancelled.

[9:34 a.m.]

3. BILL 64 (2023), FD1

LUO AMENDMENT RELATING TO USE REGULATIONS. Addressing the regulation of uses throughout Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Land Use Ordinance" or "LUO").

[9:38 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Elizabeth Songvilay, AT&T (M-193) (General comment)
2. Stephen Walls, Hawaii State Energy Office (M-193) (General comment)
3. Debra Luning, Gentry Homes (General comment)
4. Micah Munekata, Ulupono Initiative (M-193) (General comment)
5. Jay Morford, Hawaii Funeral and Cemetery Association (M-193) (Support)
6. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[10:10 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:50 a.m.]

Bill 64 (2023), FD1 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0480/5/7/2024 1:52 PM) and postponed to the next Committee on Planning and the Economy meeting on May 23, 2024.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-95 Councilmember Kiaʻāina
CC-97 Councilmember Kiaʻāina
CC-102 Councilmember Tupola
CC-114 Councilmember Kiaʻāina
CC-119 Councilmember Kiaʻāina
M-193 Testimony on Bill 64(23)

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[10:50 a.m.]

4. UPDATE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING ON ITS BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS BACKLOG.

[10:50 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[10:50 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, to provide a brief presentation on Update On The Building Permit Process Backlog to the Committee. (D-314)

[10:51 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[10:59 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:04 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

Related communication:

M-203 Testimony on Update by the Department of Planning and Permitting on its building permit process backlog.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.