HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:
Radiant Cordero, Chair
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Esther Kia'āina
Calvin K.Y. Say
Augie Tulba

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Radiant Cordero at 9:01 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member) and Say (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:02 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:04 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-196 – COMMITTEE REPORT 255

APPOINTMENT OF MALIA HAUMSCHILD TO THE GRANTS IN AID ADVISORY COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Malia Haumschild to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term expiring on January 14, 2025.

[9:08 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[9:11 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

[9:23 a.m.]

Resolution 24-196 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

MM-131 Office of the Mayor

[9:23 a.m.]

2. BILL 36 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 252

WASTEWATER SYSTEM REVENUE COMMERCIAL PAPER. Authorizing the issuance and sale and specifying certain terms of wastewater system revenue commercial paper of the City and County of Honolulu in an aggregate outstanding principal amount not to exceed four hundred million dollars ($400,000,000) outstanding at any one time, for the purpose of refunding all or a part of any outstanding wastewater system revenue indebtedness of the City and County or paying the cost of any equipment or other improvement authorized pursuant to any capital budget ordinance relating to the wastewater system of the City and County; authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to determine certain terms of such commercial paper; providing for the retirement of any indebtedness to be refunded; and providing for other actions related to the issuance, sale and delivery of such commercial paper.

[9:34 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:37 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[9:38 a.m.]

Bill 36 (2024) reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, SAY, TULBA – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

[9:39 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 24-205 – COMMITTEE REPORT 257

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD). Authorizing a transfer of $800,000 in General Fund monies from the Support Services activity (current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Office of the Chief of Police, Special Field Operations, and Investigations activities (CE COE) for the fiscal year 2025 to cover shortfalls in these activities.

[9:39 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:00 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:02 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (Support)
2. Pua Freitas (Support)

[10:06 a.m.]

Resolution 24-205 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-601 Honolulu Police Department

[10:06 a.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero announced that she would take up Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 5 together.

[10:06 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 24-206 – COMMITTEE REPORT 258

GRANT OF EASEMENT TO HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. Approving a grant of easement to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for electrical purposes serving the Honolulu Rail Transit Project over, under, through, and across a portion of real property located at 1819 Dillingham Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 (TMK: (1) 1-2-003-016).

5. RESOLUTION 24-207 – COMMITTEE REPORT 259

GRANT OF EASEMENT TO HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. Approving a grant of easement to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for electrical purposes serving the Honolulu Rail Transit Project over, under, through, and across a portion of real property located at 533 Kaaahi Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 (TMK: (1) 1-5-007-023).

[10:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[10:07 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[10:08 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Krista Lunzar from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to provide a brief presentation of Resolutions 24-206 and 24-207 to the Committee. (D-609)

[10:14 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:15 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:15 a.m.]

Resolution 24-206 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, SAY, TULBA – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

[10:15 a.m.]

Resolution 24-207 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0778/8/19/2024 4:35 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, SAY, TULBA – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

Related communications:

D-602 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
D-603 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

[10:15 a.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 24-197 – COMMITTEE REPORT 256

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPENSATION PLUS PROGRAM. Urging the City Administration to investigate the establishment of a Compensation Plus Program, or similar accountable reimbursement plan, for officers and employees of the Honolulu Police Department.

[10:17 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia‘āina exited and Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:27 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[10:30 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Roger McKeague (Support)
2. Peter Luke (Support)
3. Johnathan Frye, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (General comment)
4. Former Governor John Waihe‘e (General comment)
5. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[10:37 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:56 a.m.]

Resolution 24-197 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA – 1.

[10:57 a.m.]

7. BILL 49 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 254

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Providing property tax relief to certain homeowners.

[10:57 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:01 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:15 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:16 a.m.]

Bill 49 (2024) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-611 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-364 Testimony on Bill 49 (2024)

[11:16 a.m.]

8. BILL 43 (2024)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Allowing certain taxpayers to remit real property taxes through additional installment payments.

[11:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:27 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[11:39 a.m.]

Action on Bill 43 (2024) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

Related communications:

D-613 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-365 Testimony on Bill 43 (2024)

[11:39 a.m.]

9. BILL 45 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 253

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the real property tax credit.

[11:56 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[12:01 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[12:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[12:04 p.m.]

Bill 45 (2024) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-612 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-366 Testimony on Bill 45 (2024)

10. BILL 48 (2023)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Providing property tax relief to certain homeowners.

This item was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.