



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:

Esther Kia'aina, Chair
Tommy Waters, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Val A. Okimoto
Andria Tupola

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

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 & Planning was called to order by Committee Chair Esther Kia'aina at 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) and Okimoto (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ONLY

[9:06 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-333 – COMMITTEE REPORT 17(26)

68-309 CROZIER DRIVE – WAIALUA (2025/SMA-81). Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to Robert Vavul to allow for the construction of a new single-unit dwelling, pool, spa, garage, and recreation room on an approximately 13,230-square-foot shoreline lot zoned R-7.5 Residential District, located at 68-309 Crozier Drive and identified as Tax Map Key 6-8-005: 015.

[9:08 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[9:08 a.m.]

Resolution 25-333 granted 90-day extension of time pursuant to the written request from the Applicant's agent in Communication M-2(26).

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO – 3.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA, WATERS – 2.

Related communications:

D-869(25) Department of Planning and Permitting
M-2(26) Whale Environmental Services, LLC

FOR ACTION

[9:09 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-320 – COMMITTEE REPORT 16(26)

REAPPOINTMENT OF GEENA THIELEN TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. Confirming the reappointment of Geena Thielen to serve on the Building Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2030.

[9:11 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[9:13 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:14 a.m.]

Resolution 25-320 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0966/12/30/2025 12:26 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

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Related communications:

MM-172(25) Office of the Mayor
M-11(26) Testimony on Resolution 25-320

[9:14 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-299 – COMMITTEE REPORT 15(26)

430-D NORTH KALĀHEO AVENUE – KAILUA (2025/SMA-54). Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to Margaret Taylor to allow for the construction of a new single-unit dwelling with an attached eight-car garage and an internal above-grade swimming pool on an approximately 23,256-square-foot lot with an existing single-unit dwelling in the R-10 Residential District, located at 430-D North Kalāheo Avenue and identified as Tax Map Key 4-3-017:019.

[9:14 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[9:18 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Mark Howland from Whale Environmental Services, LLC, the Applicant's Agent to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-1[26])

[9:22 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:23 a.m.]

Resolution 25-299 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0879/11/13/2025 12:30 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

ADDENDUM

[9:24 a.m.]

At this juncture, Committee Chair Kia'āina took up the agenda addendum item.

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FOR ACTION

[9:24 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 26-6

EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE SENIOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROJECT AT THE FORMER 'AIEA SUGAR MILL SITE. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to ground lease, and second amendment to development agreement, relating to the senior affordable housing project for low to moderate income households at the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill site, located at 99-385 Pohai Place, 'Aiea, and identified as Tax Map Key (1) 9-9-078:006.

[9:26 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:55 a.m.]

Action on Resolution 26-6 postponed to the next Committee on Zoning & Planning meeting scheduled on February 5, 2026.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-12(26) Department of Housing and Land Management

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:56 a.m.]

4. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING ON CIVCHECK, ITS NEW AI-GUIDED SOFTWARE DESIGNED TO PRE-CHECK RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

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[9:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[9:56 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting to provide a brief presentation on Civcheck, its new AI-guided software designed to pre-check residential building permit applications to the Committee. (D-28[26])

[9:57 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[10:19 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (M-18[26]) (Support)

Related communication:

M-18(26) Testimony on Presentation by the Department of Planning and Permitting on Civcheck, its new ai-guided software designed to pre-check residential building permit applications.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.