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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
18TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 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 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters – 9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Kia'āina introduced members of the City Administration, Boards and Commissions appointees, and acknowledged community advocates present in the Council Chamber. She also welcomed a special guest, "Lulu the Honu," ambassador for the Honolulu Zoo and highlighted Lulu's role in fostering public engagement with the mission of conservation and cultural understanding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-12 – COMMITTEE REPORT 28(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH LUI-ANDERSON TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 28(26) and Resolution 26-12 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individual testified:

Deborah Lui-Anderson (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to the appointee for her willingness to continue serving and noted that she looks forward to the response from the Committee discussion on implementing some of the audit suggestions and improving on the operations of the Office of Economic Revitalization.

Committee Report 28(26) and Resolution 26-12 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-71(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-12

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-13, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 37(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN KAMO TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 37(26) and Resolution 26-13, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Ryan Kamo (General comment)

Committee Report 37(26) and Resolution 26-13, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-10(26) Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
M-72(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-13

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-11, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 40(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBI ELENEKI TO
SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 40(26) and Resolution 26-11, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

The following individual testified:

Debbi Eleneki (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola honored the appointee for her historic achievements as the first female firefighter, the first female Fire Captain, and the first female Battalion Chief in the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The Councilmember noted that Ms. Eleneki's accomplishments reflect her competence, leadership, and respectable standing within HFD. Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to the appointee for her continued service.

Committee Report 40(26) and Resolution 26-11, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-73(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-11

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-9

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PERRY WHITE TO SERVE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Resolution 26-9 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-14[26]).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-9 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

The following individual testified:

Perry White (General comment)

Resolution 26-9 was adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-74(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-9

FIRST READING

BILL 18 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 18 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Joli Tokusato, UNITE HERE Local 5 (General comment)
2. Don Huang, Collaborative Seven Companies (M-68[26]) (General comment)
3. Bryan Mick, Disability and Communication Access Board (Support)
4. Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-68[26]) (Support)
5. McKinley Eads, Avalon Development Company LLC (M-68[26]) (Support)
6. Geena Thielen (M-68[26]) (General comment)
7. Donald Sakamoto (Support)

Councilmember Kia'aina explained that the Chapter 32 program was originally intended to support low-rise apartment projects on small zoning lots as infill development. While she acknowledged efforts to address Special District requirements and Fire Code compliance, she expressed concern about the proposed removal of the 60-foot height limit and the 20,000-square-foot maximum lot size. She stated that larger affordable rental projects seeking waivers or exemptions should instead utilize the 201H process to ensure Council review, public input, interagency coordination, and the ability to impose mitigating conditions. Councilmember Kia'aina noted that she will be voting with reservations and looks forward to further discussion in Committee.

Councilmember Tupola stated that all proposed amendments to the Chapter 32 program are welcome and that additional refinements are anticipated in Committee. She explained that the measure, developed through broad stakeholder engagement, is intended to improve project feasibility, expand housing opportunities, and maintain neighborhood protections and safety standards, including considerations related to elevators, traffic, and compatibility. She noted that the current framework has produced only six projects since 2019 and clarified that the Bill is a targeted reform to improve financial feasibility and increase the supply of affordable housing while preserving community safeguards. She reaffirmed her commitment to continued improvements as the measure advances through the Committee process.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam expressed appreciation for efforts to address concerns with the Chapter 32 program and noted that several provisions from Bill 72 (2025), which he previously introduced, were incorporated into the measure. He explained that Chapter 32 was originally intended to support small- to medium-sized apartment projects where existing apartment zoning standards were insufficient and stated that a review of the underlying apartment zoning and Special Districts be considered concurrently. He highlighted the need to update outdated Special District regulations, including those in the Punchbowl Special District. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam reaffirmed his commitment to advancing housing solutions on O'ahu.

Councilmember Weyer expressed appreciation for the work on the Bill and stated it provides a constructive path forward. He emphasized the importance of clearly defining the program's structure and voiced his support for retaining the 60-foot-height limit, cautioning against relying solely on underlying zoning, which could allow significantly taller buildings. He noted that any additional requirements should be evaluated in relation to available subsidies to ensure financial feasibility and underscored the importance of equitably distributing affordable housing across all districts. Councilmember Weyer stated his reservations on the Bill.

Councilmembers Nishimoto and Dos Santos-Tam stated that they will be voting with reservations.

Council Chair Waters noted that the Council had previously devoted substantial effort on the Primary Urban Core Development Plan and emphasized that, given the concentration of apartment development in the area, the Plan should be taken into consideration as deliberations move forward.

Bill 18 (2026) passed first reading.

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

*Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-68(26) Testimony on Bill 18 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING

BILL 1 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 26(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 26(26) be adopted and Bill 1 (2026) pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 26(26) was adopted and Bill 1 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-77(26) Testimony on Bill 1 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 12 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 32(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND
CESSPOOLS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 32(26) be adopted and Bill 12 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that the measure strengthens and improves transparency and accountability by requiring a publicly accessible and regularly updated website with an interactive map integrating the City's wastewater and stormwater systems. She reported that she is working with the Department of Facility Maintenance on amendments to ensure the requirements can be feasibly done by the Department and the information meets the public needs.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she hopes to see all of the community information that is in the queue be connected to the City system. She emphasized the importance of having projected timelines and scheduled community outreaches listed and available on the website because the advance notice is critical for our residents to know about and prepare for.

Committee Report 32(26) was adopted and Bill 12 (2026) passed second reading.

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

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Related communication:

M-65(26) Testimony on Bill 12 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 6 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 33(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE APARTMENT AND APARTMENT MIXED-USE DISTRICTS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 33(26) be adopted and Bill 6 (2026) pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-69[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 33(26) was adopted and Bill 6 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-69(26) Testimony on Bill 6 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 7 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 34(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SIGN STANDARDS FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT MIXED-USE DISTRICTS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 34(26) be adopted and Bill 7 (2026) pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Lee Tokuhara, D.R. Horton Hawaii (M-67[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola stated that the Bill is intended to support local businesses in mixed-use residential communities such as Ho'opili and Mehana. She noted that existing signage limitations make it difficult for businesses in these areas to gain visibility. She acknowledged that recommendations from the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Permitting were incorporated into the Committee Draft and expressed her support for the measure as a means to help small businesses thrive and strengthen walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

Committee Report 34(26) was adopted and Bill 7 (2026), CD1, passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: NISHIMOTO – 1.

Related communication:

M-67(26) Testimony on Bill 7 (2026)

THIRD READING

BILL 60 (2025), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 31(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 31(26) be adopted and Bill 60 (2025), CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Joli Tokusato, UNITED HERE Local 5 (Support)
2. Donald Sakamoto (M-64[26]) (Support)

In response to Councilmembers, Lori Kahikina, Executive Director and CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) stated that:

- The HART is currently authorized to operate only for the current Minimal Operable Segment (MOS) from East Kapolei to Ala Moana; and any work beyond the current MOS requires City Council authorization.
- The measure would authorize the HART to use funds for planning potential extensions to the University of Hawai'i or further into Kapolei; however, no additional funds are currently available. Any future expenditures would require Council approval.
- The HART cannot begin planning for any extension beyond the current MOS without Council approval. Once approval and funding are secured, the HART would evaluate possible alignments.
- Current revenue projections from the General Excise Tax (GET) and Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) through 2030 are fully committed to completing the line to the Civic Center and Ala Moana. The HART does not have authority to plan beyond the current MOS even if surplus funds become available.
- The Bill does not obligate any future funds. Any funds that come from an extension of the GET or TAT would require approval from the HART Board and the City Council through the budget process.
- The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has expressed interest in a potential extension to Ka Makana Ali'i. Any future extension would require evaluation of site suitability, and consideration of all funding options, including private investments and public-private partnership opportunities, in addition to GET and TAT revenues.

Councilmember Cordero noted ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the community regarding the measure and stated that constituents directly impacted by the current rail system are supportive of advancing planning efforts toward the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She reiterated that the measure maintains Council oversight over the project & HART and represents an initial step toward potential future expansion. Councilmember Cordero explained that amendments were adopted to remove specific location language from the Bill, reaffirmed that the measure preserves Council oversight, and urged councilmembers to support the measure.

Councilmember Kia'āina expressed continued support for the rail project but raised concerns about authorizing an extension beyond Ala Moana before the completion of the Civic Center and Ala Moana segments. She stated a preference to prioritize a westward extension and suggested that seeking additional authority after completion of the current segments would have been more prudent. While acknowledging restored public trust under the current Administration and HART leadership, she conveyed community concerns about advancing further extensions prematurely and indicated an intent to vote with reservations. She expressed appreciation for the amendments to remove specific location references and reiterated support for planning efforts toward Ka Makana Ali'i, noting potential private-sector interest and opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Councilmember Tulba expressed support for reasonable rail use and noted encouragement over rising ridership and the importance of a strong, multimodal public transit system. He raised concerns that the Bill would authorize future extensions consistent with the locally preferred alternative without requiring separate Council approval or full public discussion, emphasizing that each extension carries significant policy and financial implications, including the use of general excise tax revenues. He stated that maintaining Council oversight and opportunities for community input is essential and that preserving the Council's review strengthens the projects over the long-term. Councilmember Tulba stated that he will be voting in opposition.

Council Chair Waters reminded the HART Board that, pursuant to the City Charter, it is the Board's responsibility to secure funding for the rail project.

Councilmember Tupola noted that Committee discussions resulted in the removal of specific segment references from the measure to allow flexibility for future planning. She stated that the Bill provides the HART with planning authority only and that any future plans or appropriations would still require Council approval. She highlighted the potential to advance extensions, including westward connections, and emphasized the importance of initiating planning to assess feasibility. She expressed optimism about future collaborative funding opportunities to better serve communities along the rail corridor.

Committee Report 31(26) was adopted and Bill 60 (2025), CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

*Councilmember Kia'āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-86(26) Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25
M-64(26) Testimony on Bill 60 (2025)

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-21 – COMMITTEE REPORT 27(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 27(26) and Resolution 26-21 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

In response to Councilmember Tupola, Duane Pang, Deputy Corporation Counsel, agreed with her that although the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund is designated for the acquisition and maintenance of land, it may also be used to support personnel needed to administer the Fund in order to protect, preserve, and maintain the City's interest acquired by the Fund.

In response to Council Chair Waters, Kevin Auger, Director, Department of Housing and Land Management stated that the request for a fund transfer is related to the establishment of a Clean Water and Natural Lands office within the Department's Administration Division. He clarified that the funds were previously appropriated and that the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund allows up to five percent to be used for administrative costs, including salaries, to maintain the Fund.

Committee Report 27(26) and Resolution 26-21 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-22 – COMMITTEE REPORT 29(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AND CONFERENCE FEE, VALUED AT \$4,550, TO THE CITY FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2026 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FROM FEBRUARY 21-24, 2026, AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ECONOMIC RECOVERY CORP ANNUAL RETREAT FROM FEBRUARY 24-27, 2026, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 29(26) and Resolution 26-22 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 29(26) and Resolution 26-22 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-23 – COMMITTEE REPORT 30(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AND RELATED MATERIALS, VALUED AT \$1,975, TO THE CITY FROM THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TO ATTEND THE COUNTIES OF CAREER SUCCESS: BUILDING A WORK READY FUTURE MEETING FROM MARCH 2-4, 2026, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 30(26) and Resolution 26-23 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 30(26) and Resolution 26-23 were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-333, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 35(26)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING AND ATTACHED GARAGE; CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING, POOL, SPA, AND DETACHED GARAGE WITH RECREATION ROOM ABOVE THE GARAGE; AND INSTALLATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN WAIALUA, O'AHU.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 35(26) and Resolution 25-333, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 35(26) and Resolution 25-333, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-70(26) Testimony on Resolution 25-333

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-4, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 36(26)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION AND REHABILITATION OF THE WEST LOCH WASTEWATER PUMP STATION IN HONOULIULI, O'AHU.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 36(26) and Resolution 26-4, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 36(26) and Resolution 26-4, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-17, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 38(26)

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 38(26) and Resolution 26-17, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Racquel Achiu (M-76[26]) (General comment)
2. Taylor Kellerman, Kualoa Ranch (M-76[26]) (General comment)

Councilmember Weyer stated that he will be supporting the Resolution with reservations. He raised his concern about broadly classifying all agritourism and agribusiness activities as major uses without fully considering impacts on individual businesses. He explained that the original intent was to provide early notice to allow for meaningful agency and community input and cautioned against creating rigid distinctions between minor and major uses. He reiterated the importance of balancing meaningful engagement with minimizing undue burdens on businesses and farmers.

In response to Councilmember Kia'āina, Elizabeth Krueger, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), stated that the Department will prepare a report and attach a proposed draft bill along with a DPP proposal reflecting their discussions and other relevant information, and the report is sent to the Planning Commission for their consideration. She explained that upon review and adoption by the Planning Commission, a draft bill along with the Planning Commission's findings and recommendations is transmitted directly to the City Council for consideration and approval through the legislative process. During that process is when the DPP will be able to iterate and provide comments and/or recommendations.

Councilmember Tupola clarified that the intent is not to require all agribusiness projects to obtain a Major Conditional Use Permit, but to consider whether certain projects, based on scale and intensity, should be subject to additional review. She noted that the Resolution will proceed to the Planning Commission for further evaluation before

returning to the Council for discussion and expressed confidence that DPP input and the Commission's review may help resolve outstanding issues with additional opportunities for refinement through the legislative process.

Committee Report 38(26) and Resolution 26-17, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

*Councilmember Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-76(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-17

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-328 – COMMITTEE REPORT 39(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO USED 2021 GLACIER GOLF CARTS, VALUED AT \$9,300, TO THE CITY FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE HONOLULU ZOO.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 39(26) and Resolution 25-328 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 39(26) and Resolution 25-328 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-15 – COMMITTEE REPORT 41(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF \$10,860 FROM THE 200 CLUB TO THE CITY FOR THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MANAGER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 41(26) and Resolution 26-15 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 41(26) and Resolution 26-15 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER,
WATERS – 7.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA – 2.

Related communication:

M-75(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-15

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-16 – COMMITTEE REPORT 42(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF \$15,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE DEPUTIES TO FUND THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE EXPLORER AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 42(26) and Resolution 26-16 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 42(26) and Resolution 26-16 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-25 – COMMITTEE REPORT 44(26)

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP FOR ADOPTING CLEAR POLICIES THAT ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WHILE MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 44(26) and Resolution 26-25 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 44(26) and Resolution 26-25 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-66(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-25

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no balance of committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-18

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF UP TO \$1,990 TO THE CITY FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS FOR TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR ONE STAFF MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PEER REVIEW.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-18 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-18 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-19

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF UP TO \$2,023 TO THE CITY FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS FOR TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR ONE STAFF MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PEER REVIEW.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-19 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-19 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-33

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-33 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-33 was adopted.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cordero wished the camera operator, Patrick Garcia a happy birthday.

Councilmember Kia'āina introduced her new Policy Director, Sarah Beamer.

Council Chair Waters wished his staff, Duncan Osorio and Olivia Torres a happy birthday.

Councilmember Tupola wished her staff, Giovanni Parks a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina 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:

March 25, 2026
