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REGULAR MEETING
21ST SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 10:16 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council Chair Waters called for a moment of silence to mourn the passing of former Governor George Ariyoshi and extended the Council's deepest condolences to the Ariyoshi ohana. He recognized the late Governor's legacy, dedicated public service, and lasting contributions to the State of Hawai'i by highlighting several of his achievements and accomplishments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilmember Tupola recognized the remarkable achievement of the University of Hawai'i Men's Volleyball "Rainbow Warriors" Team in winning the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association "NCAA" Men's National Collegiate Volleyball Championship by defeating the University of California, Irvine men's volleyball team. She noted that the victory marked the program's third NCAA national championship, following back-to-back titles in 2021 and 2022. On behalf of the City Council, she congratulated the Rainbow Warriors on an outstanding season, bringing home another national championship, and making the State of Hawai'i proud.

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, Board and Commission appointees, and community members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Session Minutes as posted on the agenda be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-59, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 117(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BRYCE, JR. TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 117(26) and Resolution 26-59, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Richard Bryce (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-177[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 117(26) and Resolution 26-59, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-177(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-59

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION
COMMITTEE REPORT 105(26)

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE SALARY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 105(26) be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-196[26]) (General comment)
2. Tim Garry (General comment)

Committee Report 105(26) was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-196(26) Testimony on Recommendations on the review and evaluation of the Salary Commission pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION
COMMITTEE REPORT 106(26)

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX BOARDS OF REVIEW I, II, AND III PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 106(26) be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 106(26) was adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-89

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KALANI KAʻANĀʻANĀ TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-185[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-89 to the Commiittee on Public Safety & Economy for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-185(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-89

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-90

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICAH KIM TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Micah Kim (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-189[26]) (Support)
3. Andrew Pereira, Pacific Resource Partnership (M-189[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-90 to the Commiittee on Zoning & Planning for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-189(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-90

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-91

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

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-186[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-91 to the Commiittee on Public Safety & Economy for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-186(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-91

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-96

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DAVIS TO SERVE ON THE O‘AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Richard Davis (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-187[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-96 to the Committee on Zoning & Planning for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-187(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-96

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-97

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-191[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-97 to the Commiittee on Zoning & Planning for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-191(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-97

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-98

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. PETER YOUNG TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW III FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEAL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-192[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-98 to the Commiittee on Budget for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-192(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-98

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-100

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LANI LAPILIO TO SERVE ON THE O‘AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Lani Lapilio (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-176[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Kia‘āina stated that she looks forward to further discussion on the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission with the appointee in Committee. She acknowledged her longstanding friendship with the appointee, spanning more than 40 years, and described her as a fellow advocate in the Hawaiian community who would be a valuable member of the Commission.

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-100 to the Commiittee on Zoning & Planning for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-176(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-100

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-101

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA TENGAN TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-188[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-101 to the Commiittee on Public Safety & Economy for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-188(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-101

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-102

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN TOYOMURA TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Ryan Toyomura (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-190[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the appointee for his willingness to continue serving on the Board and commended his professionalism, background, and knowledge. She looks forward to his continued service and leadership for future Board members.

Council Chair Waters encouraged Councilmembers to meet with the appointee, noting his experience working with members of the Council and the State Legislature and stating that he is well qualified for the position.

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-102 to the Commiittee on Zoning & Planning for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-190(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-102

FIRST READING
BILL 35 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MALLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 35 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-178[26]) (Support)

Bill 35 (2026) passed first reading.

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

Related communication:

M-178(26) Testimony on Bill 35 (2026)

FIRST READING
BILL 36 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ORDINANCE REVISION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 36 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-179[26]) (Support)

Bill 36 (2026) passed first reading.

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

Related communication:

M-179(26) Testimony on Bill 36 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 34 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 114(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 114(26) be adopted and Bill 34 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-175[26]) (Support)
2. Tim Garry (Support)

Councilmember Tupola spoke in agreement with comments made by testifier Tim Garry and reflected on recent discussions regarding flood insurance and future funding by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at a conference attended by her and other Councilmembers. She suggested that these topics be further discussed by either the Committee on Public Safety & Economy or the Committee on Energy, Environment & Sustainability. She explained that passage of the Bill would position the City to remain eligible for Federal funding despite potential changes at the Federal level. She expressed appreciation to FEMA representatives for providing in-person and one-on-one assistance to members of her community over the past several weeks.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina emphasized the importance of advancing the Bill expeditiously before June 10, 2026, to ensure the City remains eligible for Federal disaster assistance, particularly in light of the recent Kona Low storms. She stated that she would work collaboratively with the Department of Planning and Permitting to finalize the Bill and ensure that any revisions are reviewed by the FEMA, which approves and supports the original Bill.

Committee Report 114(26) was adopted and Bill 34 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-175(26) Testimony on Bill 34 (2026)

THIRD READING
BILL 8 (2025), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 119(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMAL NUISANCES.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 119(26) be adopted and Bill 8 (2025), CD1 pass third reading, as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-183[26]) (Support)
2. Stephanie Kendrick, Hawaiian Humane Society (M-183[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Okimoto thanked the Council Chair and the Government Efficiency & Customer Services Committee Chair for hearing the Bill and advancing it to its final reading. She expressed appreciation to her staff for their collaboration with the Director of Customer Services and the Hawaiian Humane Society in developing the measure, noting that the Bill addresses community concerns regarding animal nuisances. She expressed hope that the increased criminal fines and establishment of civil fines would enhance public safety across all communities and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Committee Report 119(26) was adopted and Bill 8 (2025), CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-183(26) Testimony on Bill 8 (2025)

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-83, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 97(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR THE HAWAIʻI FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BARGAINING UNIT 11 INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 97(26) and Resolution 26-83, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-193[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 97(26) and Resolution 26-83, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-193(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-83

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-84 – COMMITTEE REPORT 98(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 98(26) and Resolution 26-84 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 98(26) and Resolution 26-84 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-85 – COMMITTEE REPORT 99(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 99(26) and Resolution 26-85 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 99(26) and Resolution 26-85 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-86 – COMMITTEE REPORT 100(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISE.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 100(26) and Resolution 26-86 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 100(26) and Resolution 26-86 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-87, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 101(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 26-87, CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 101(26) and Resolution 26-87, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Resolution 26-87, CD1 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto. Councilmember Okimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-87, CD1 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Committee Report 101(26) and Resolution 26-87, CD1, FD1 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-88 – COMMITTEE REPORT 102(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 102(26) and Resolution 26-88 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 102(26) and Resolution 26-88 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-93, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 103(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 103(26) and Resolution 26-93, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 103(26) and Resolution 26-93, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-94, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 104(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 104(26) and Resolution 26-94, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 104(26) and Resolution 26-94, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-76 – COMMITTEE REPORT 107(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $4,000, TO THE CITY FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY TO ATTEND THE 2025 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION GLOBAL SUMMIT ON TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, FROM DECEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 21, 2025.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 107(26) and Resolution 26-76 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-181[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 107(26) and Resolution 26-76 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-181(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-76

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-7, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 108(26)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN END LANDFILLS TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY, COSTS, RISKS, AND IMPLEMENTATION PATHWAYS FOR ELIMINATING LANDFILL DEPENDENCY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 108(26) and Resolution 26-7, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-180[26]) (Support)
2. Will Giese, Solaray Corp (M-180[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked testifier Will Giese and community members for their support and the International & Legal Affairs Committee Chair Nishimoto for hearing the Resolution. She emphasized the importance of the Resolution in order to reduce reliance on landfills and highlighted the history of landfill-related issues affecting the community. She explained that the Resolution seeks to establish a task force, composed of subject matter experts, industry professionals, and community stakeholders, to collaborate on developing a realistic and long-term plan to eliminate Oahu's dependence on landfills because the community deserves meaningful solutions rather than temporary extensions and broken promises. Councilmember Tupola expressed her gratitude to her colleagues and community for their support of the Resolution.

Councilmember Weyer stated he supports the intent of the Resolution and the principles of environmental justice, commending Councilmember Tupola for her advocacy. He acknowledged that the City would continue to require some type of landfill capacity, particularly in response to emergencies such as the recent Kona Low storms and requested the Administration to clarify the options or alternatives that have been proposed to date.

In response to councilmembers, Daniel Brieck, Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) stated that:

- They support the proposed task force; however, it is critical that this effort proceed concurrently with the City's efforts to acquire a new landfill because the City is facing a landfill capacity crisis and cannot operate without a landfill.

- Detailed information regarding the selection process for the Makaiwa Hills site is provided on the ENV's website.

- The ENV is willing to continue the discussion and community engagement, while emphasizing that the process must continue moving forward and that deferring the effort is not a viable option.

- Although the Wahiawa site was considered an ideal location, it was eliminated from consideration due to legal constraints with the Underground Injection Control (UIC) line.

Councilmember Weyer asserted the value of having an open public discussion on this matter and stated that the City must remain transparent about the options under consideration and the challenges it faces.

Councilmember Tupola expressed her gratitude to the Deputy Director for his responsiveness and collaboration with her and the community during the Kona Low storms. She referenced visits to several countries to learn about and discuss their approaches to landfill management, noting that, regardless of whether the City ultimately agrees with the Task Force's recommendations, its findings should be carefully considered. She emphasized the importance of developing a comprehensive technical report to guide the preparation of a coordinated, islandwide landfill management plan.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina remarked that, based on documents she reviewed identifying potential landfill sites, many of the properties had not been adequately vetted, a fact that should have been disclosed to the public. She noted that during site visits on the Windward side with the Director of Environmental Services and community members, many of the identified properties were determined to be infeasible. She referenced an informational white paper she authored on Oʻahu's landfill history, which is available on her website.

Committee Report 108(26) and Resolution 26-7, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communications:

D-329(26) Neighborhood Board No. 34
M-180(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-7

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-58 – COMMITTEE REPORT 109(26)

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT-INITIATED TOWING PROGRAM, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 109(26) and Resolution 26-58 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-184[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the Director of Customer Services (CSD) for her responsiveness on the matter, stating that the Resolution seeks to address the City's towing contract issues. She emphasized that an independent audit is imperative in light of concerns raised regarding CSD's enforcement of applicable laws and administration of the abandoned vehicles towing contract, including issues involving invoices and payment, inconsistent billing practices and contract oversight. She noted that little to no meaningful input had been received from either the current vendor or other towing companies on ways to improve the towing process. Councilmember Tupola suggested that before initiating a new procurement process, the City should engage a broader group of stakeholders to identify operational challenges, billing and dispatch issues, and industry best practices. She concluded that proceeding with the procurement of a new contract and transitioning away from the current vendor without clear communication or notice raises significant concerns about transparency and decision-making. She stated that, given the magnitude of issues identified, an independent review is warranted to restore public confidence and ensure accountability for all Council districts.

Councilmember Weyer stated his reservations for the measure. He noted that he supports audits in general; however, he did not believe the proposed audit implied mismanagement by the department or its staff. He acknowledged the diligence and hard work of department personnel.

Committee Report 109(26) and Resolution 26-58 were adopted.

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

*Councilmember Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-184(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-58

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-104 – COMMITTEE REPORT 110(26)

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF STARN O'TOOLE MARCUS & FISHER, A LAW CORPORATION, AS SPECIAL DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND REPRESENT THE CITY IN CLAIMS AND DISPUTES RELATING TO THE SKYLINE CORE SYSTEMS CONTRACT.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 110(26) and Resolution 26-104 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 110(26) and Resolution 26-104 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-39, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 115(26)

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

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 115(26) and Resolution 26-39, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

McKinley Eads, Avalon Group (M-194[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that the proposed change is long overdue and highlighted the history on floor area ratio standards dating back to the 1900s. He recalled the Department of Planning and Permitting's recent statement that the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plans would be completed by 2031 and noted that the proposed timeline is unreasonably long. He explained that the Resolution is

intended as a temporary measure to spur needed activity in the downtown area until the TOD plans are finalized and expressed hope that they will be completed well before 2031.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina thanked advocates who championed the measure. She stated that the Resolution increases the overall development potential in the BMX-4 District by raising the maximum density limits to better align with the taller building heights already permitted. She explained that maximum building heights cannot be fully realized if maximum density remains subject to a lower standard and vice versa. She expressed appreciation that her colleagues are reviewing their districts to identify outdated development standards in need of modernization.

Councilmember Weyer reiterated that the measure expands housing opportunities and supports economic growth for local families.

Committee Report 115(26) and Resolution 26-39, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-194(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-39

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-95, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 116(26)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE ʻEWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 116(26) and Resolution 26-95, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for the Resolution and emphasized the importance of establishing a Materials Recycling Facility for the City and County of Honolulu. She cited City studies and audits indicating that more than 227,000 tons of recyclable and recoverable materials remain in the City's waste stream and are sent to H-POWER, which ultimately ends up in the landfill. She stressed that diverting these through recycling is imperative to reducing the waste stream, extending the operational life of the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill and advancing the City's long-term goal of reducing

reliance on landfills on Oʻahu. She thanked the Department of Environmental Services for their efforts.

In response to councilmembers, Daniel Brieck, Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) stated that:

- The ENV is exploring the management of construction and demolition debris, including various methods of sorting and processing materials, and is piloting different technologies. At this time, he stated that no estimates or quantifiable projections are available regarding potential waste reduction or the extent to which the project would extend the operational life of the landfill.

- Eventually, the boiler on the Refuse-Derived Fuel side of the H-POWER must be replaced.

- The amendment to the Public Infrastructure Map (PIM) should be ample enough to cover future technology, if warranted.

- The ENV has been working with regulatory agencies to test and evaluate the feasibility of using ash in roadway material. He noted that concerns regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances remain and that the Department is working to address those challenges.

- He is unable to provide a timeline for the ash recycling project because the ENV has not yet obtained the necessary permit to proceed, which remains the Department's primary focus. He estimated that once the permit is secured, implementation of the project could take approximately six to eight years.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina emphasized the importance of amending the PIM to authorize funding for the $26.5 million appropriated in this year's budget. She stated that the H-POWER expansion will enhance the facility's capabilities, generate additional electricity, and reduce the amount of waste disposed at the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill.

Committee Report 116(26) and Resolution 26-95, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-80, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 118(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000 TO THE CITY FROM BARBARA HUDMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 118(26) and Resolution 26-80, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 118(26) and Resolution 26-80, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ILACR-111(26)	Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Gerald Eubank.
ILACR-112(26)	Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Jonathan Lefiti v. Dejanira Seale, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-25-0000798.
ILACR-113(26)	Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. as subrogee for Sandra Jamora v. City and County of Honolulu; Civil No. 1DRC-25-0007177.

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Balance of Committee Reports, as listed above, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-92, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF ONE HIGH-BACKED TRADITIONAL BENCH, PREPARATIONS OF THE GROUNDS, AND A BRONZE PLAQUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ, "DONATED BY THE FAMILY OF GAFATASI J.W.E. VEU," VALUED AT $2,716.74 FROM SERENA VEU TO BE PLACED AT SANDY BEACH PARK.

Resolution 26-92 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks (CC-100[26]).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 26-92, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-92 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-92 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendments.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-92 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Resolution 26-92, FD1 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-103, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TUITION, TRAVEL, AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $2,463.80 TO THE CITY FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS ("AAMVA") FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE TO ATTEND THE 2026 FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION/AAMVA COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE COORDINATORS/IT MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM MAY 12 TO 14, 2026.

Resolution 26-103 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology (CC-106[26]).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 26-103, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-103 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Resolution 26-103 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto. Councilmember Cordero explained the FD1 amendments.

There was no public testimony.

In response to councilmembers, Jazmin Hoffman, Executive Assistant from the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) stated that:

- She did not have the exact number of promotions filled this year but would provide the statistics at a later date.

- Heavy equipment training was conducted for approximately 24 operators on the operation of backhoes and wheel loaders. Approximately 38 certifications were awarded enabling employees to qualify for internal promotions.

- The conference will provide updates on Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements, safety standards, and CDL systems, as well as training and collaboration opportunities related to compliance, improving CDL operations, and commercial vehicle safety programs. Attendance by a DFM staff member will help ensure the City remains current with the Federal CDL regulations and continues to operate a safe commercial vehicle and heavy equipment program.

- The DFM Driver and Operator Improvement Program focuses on CDL compliance and heavy vehicle operator training, while enabling the program coordinator to conduct CDL testing in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

- Administrative oversight and timing issues contributed to the delay of the Resolution, noting that gifts are often received on short notice. She acknowledged that the timing issues would be addressed more effectively going forward.

Resolution 26-103 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Resolution 26-103, FD1 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2025 LOCAL SOLICITATION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-108 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-182[26]) (Support)

Resolution 26-108 was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-182(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-108

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Chair Waters announced that food trucks will be parked in front of Honolulu Hale during lunch hours on June 3, 2026 to support the City's food drive benefiting the Hawaii Foodbank and that the food drive finale of this drive would be held at Honolulu Hale on June 10, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:41 a.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina and there being no objections from the 9 members present, it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



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