

The Deliberation and Preliminary Decision-Making reconvened on May 15, 2015 at 9:03 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Deliberation and Preliminary Decision-Making:

Honorable Mason K. Chock (*excused*)
Honorable Gary L. Hooser (*excused at 11:45 a.m.*)
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable KipuKai Kualifi
Honorable Mel Rapozo
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I would like to call back to order the Budget & Finance Committee. We are going to pick up where we left off. We were on across the board cuts. Are there anymore across the board cuts in the Operating Budget? Next, we are going to move onto Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Councilmember Yukimura, I think you had an across the board cut that included CIP funds also, right?

Councilmember Yukimura: An across the board cut?

Councilmember Kualifi: You wanted to do it in consolidation.

Councilmember Yukimura: I do not have any across the board cuts, but I have one cut for CIP.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. We will do CIP first.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Did you have a revenue...

Councilmember Yukimura: I do have a revenue...it is a combination of a cut and increase.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We will do CIP first, the revenue, and then we will move on.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: For CIP, we are going to go through each fund. Do we have any cuts for the Bike Fund? Any cuts for the Bond Fund? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am proposing to remove the funding for two (2) new projects titled "Kapa'a Transportation Improvements." It is not that I do not think we need moneys for it, but when I have asked what the moneys are going to be spent on, I have not gotten any clarity about how that money is going to be spent. I really want to put aside moneys for Kapa'a traffic improvements. As you will recall during our goal-setting as a group, I raised the traffic issue as a very important issue to address, but I do not want to just give a blank check for something we do not know what we are approving. I see the Managing Director signaling me, so perhaps there is some new information.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Chair, can we also get Mr. Suga up? I have a bond question, but I will save my question until after. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Managing Director: Good morning. Nadine Nakamura, Managing Director. Based on the discussions we had earlier in the budget discussions on the CIP Budget, I think it was very clear that the Council is interested in putting moneys to address the traffic issues in the Kapa'a-Wailua corridor. Subsequently, we have had discussions and ongoing discussions with the State as well as the study that the State is doing. The Kapa'a-Wailua Short-Term Traffic Study Improvements is in the process of being completed, so it makes sense to take a look at what the results of that study are, what the priorities are in that study, and then to work with the Council to identify what some short-range solutions are that can address some of these concerns. Right now, that document, as far as I am concerned, is just an internal working draft and I think the State Department of Transportation (DOT) is taking the lead on creating that document. We are not in the driver's seat on this one, but we are partnering with the State and I think that is important because the main corridor is a State highway. The County put in a lot of recommendations into that study, so we want to use that to guide how we use these funds. Yes, there is no clarity because we are in the interim stage where once that document is released and we can start having a conversation about what might be the best way to use these funds.

Councilmember Yukimura: Could you provide the draft solutions?

KEITH SUGA, County CIP Manager: Keith Suga, County CIP Manager. Yes, we can transmit that over to you.

Councilmember Yukimura: Can we get that today?

Mr. Suga: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, we are going to make a decision today.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. I am not trying to delay that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think as the project progresses, I am pretty sure that they are going to update us on this information.

MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, Director of Planning: I guess in just some context with this particular line item, in the initial budget proposal, it was for a Kapa'a Urban Design Plan. Between that period of time and the feedback that we got from the Council during the CIP portion of the budget discussion and now, we have tried to take the Council's feedback and really understand, "Okay, what is the direction here?" I think there are two (2) trains of thought, given the pool of money that was initially earmarked for an urban design plan, and then how to transform that appropriation into something that fits more with what the Council's objectives were with respect to specifically the traffic issues in Kapa'a. So we were at a juncture where we could have either gone down two (2) paths: one is do we look at more studies, look at more planning, or are there things that we can try to do and set the course for a more short-term, immediate solutions that can at least take some pressure off the system? Because just the amount of time that we have had, we do not

have clarity as to specifically what either one of those things are, but it is something that we need to work towards. Lee Steinmetz has also been in on this conversation and he pointed out to us five (5) other studies and/or plans that kind of involve short-term improvements that are related to traffic congestion. Again, one of them is the Kapa‘a Transportation Solutions from the DOT and the other one is a North Shore/South Shore Transit Feasibility Study, where we have already encumbered and awarded. We have the Coco Palms Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) that just recently came out, so that also did earmark traffic improvements.

Councilmember Yukimura: “TIAR?”

Mr. Dahilig: “Traffic Impact Analysis Report.” We have the Safe Routes to School Charrettes in tackling some of the areas related to the elementary school and the high school. We also have the Multimodal Land Transportation Plan (MLTP) that this Council did also handle. We do have a body of information from which to draw upon if the decision is to actually try to maybe implement things that are within our jurisdiction, that may not be necessarily State-related, but we can move quickly to try to at least take some pressure off the system. But to specifically earmark which project makes the most sense, given the amount of money that we had from the Kapa‘a Design Plan Proposal—it is not a lot of money. We needed to actually go through and still need to go through that process of determining where to actually earmark that. So I think as the Managing Director said, something that is in appearance of a placeholder, but then that is something that we will have to come back to you again to have that conversation, but we do not have something specific because we just have not had the time to run through that due diligence.

Councilmember Yukimura: So you know that the Council’s representative on your planning process has not been included in this process.

Ms. Nakamura: Our planning process? Which planning process are you referring to?

Councilmember Yukimura: It is the State planning process.

Ms. Nakamura: Of the State.

Councilmember Yukimura: You will recall that when I told you to go for Planning Committee Chair, I said that I wanted to keep my representation as a member of the policy committee in the State planning process and the Transportation—I am talking about Council representation in this process.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I understand, but the way I see a CIP Budget is that these are projects that they are projecting in the future that we may want to do. I think by putting an amount in here it gives them the flexibility to say, “We heard the concerns of the Council. This is what the people have wanted. We are going to put money in here because we believe that we are going to be moving in this direction in the future.”

Councilmember Yukimura: Chair, the thing is that we have had a structure where I, as the representative of the Council, can be part of that planning process and can bring back information, and that has not happened.

Ms. Nakamura: I am sorry, but we do not control that process. That is a State-driven process.

Councilmember Yukimura: In fact, both Mayor Carvalho and Mayor Baptiste wrote letters to the DOT, so you certainly can assert County participation.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I am trying to stay on this line item here and this is the Kapa'a Transportation Improvement Projects.

Councilmember Yukimura: We are talking about that. This is the process that involved a Citizen's Advisory Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee, and a Policy Advisory Committee, which is part of the State DOT's structure. One policy committee member that has not been included has been me. This is not a personal thing. This is about Council representation in a process. We have not been privy to any of the solutions, nor have we been part of the conversation.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, can you ask a question? I am pretty sure from what I am hearing from them is that this project is still in its infancy, so there is nothing to really update us on. They are basically saying that we have heard what the community wants, we are putting money in here to move in this direction, and I do not know if this is the right platform to say that you want to be included in the process. I think we can do that another way. I think right now we are talking about, "Are we going to keep this money in here or are we not?" If they are going to include you on it or not, I do not know—you can vote if you want the money in or not, but I do not think...

Councilmember Yukimura: It is not about me. It is about Council input.

Ms. Nakamura: I think moving forward...

Councilmember Yukimura: I am not trying to stop this, but I am trying to talk about the process by which we get to decisions.

Ms. Nakamura: I think moving forward, when we have the report from the State Department of Transportation consultants when they issue it, we can sit down and work with the Council and identify, based on their State priority projects, and then there are County projects, so we can take a look at the short list of County projects and have the conversation about where these funds would be best used to really alleviate congestion in this corridor.

Councilmember Yukimura: So I would like to ask for the solutions, even though we make the decision now. I would like to have it before noon since you said that it can be made available.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I think this type of request...I do not think is the platform for a request like that. I think right now we should focus on the decision.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am not opposing making the decision right now.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I really do not want to continue to go on with this conversation. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I would like to vote on this. I am hearing from the Administration—Keith, this is a question for you: Is having these moneys recommended by the Administration to help, I guess, with the State and try to improve the situation for Kapa'a transportation?

Mr. Suga: Councilmember Kagawa, you are correct. That is our position and I think the funds allocated to that project item provide us great flexibility so that when we do receive the final report, we can kind of try to determine which projects will be the best use of those funds. So yes, we really would like to leave that funding in place.

Councilmember Kagawa: In a nutshell, what would these funds be used for?

Mr. Suga: As Mike said earlier, it could be used for immediate short-term solutions that will provide improvements to the Kapa'a...

Councilmember Kagawa: I guess not to repeat, but for consultant services?

Mr. Suga: Yes, we could work towards...

Mr. Dahilig: For instance, if it is something that involves a...let us say a 80/20 match potential, that could be deployed that way. If it is something that is a prelude in a County jurisdiction, we could start the process of 343 compliance by hiring the consultant to do the environmental assessment, road extensions, or those types of things. Again, when you look at the amount of money that is appropriated in this, this was a carryover from the amount that was earmarked for the Kapa'a Design Plan. This is not an amount that is large in scale, but at the same time, if we are nimble about it, we can try to use it to its most maximum potential. I think that is the flexibility we are trying to seek at this point because we are still not with the final report yet, but we also have other items and other studies that lead us to believe that there are confirmations on things that we can do to at least take some pressure off the system in the short-term.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Rapozo: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Mr. Suga, is this the Bond Fund moneys that we have borrowed?

Mr. Suga: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Just for visual purposes, we have a pizza. That is the Bond Fund.

Mr. Suga: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: If we take money out of Bond Fund, what happens? Do we have to put another project in to keep it in balance?

Mr. Suga: It has been past practice that we put a project back in to keep it in balance.

Council Chair Rapozo: Right. That is what I am thinking. So for us to move something out, I would think that we would have to work with the Administration to put something else back in. Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura. Again, I do not want to get into a conversation. We are not voting on whether they need to provide the information or not.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am not on that issue.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I want us to stick to this line item.

Councilmember Yukimura: Like I said in the beginning, it is not my intention to remove that money and not have it available for traffic solutions. It is just my intention to know what we are going to spend it on and to have some explanation of why that is the best use of the money for relieving traffic congestion, which is our goal. My question is will you come to this group, this Council, and report on how you plan to use the money before you use any money and to at least let us know and give input and back and forth on it? Because what I wanted to do was to set it aside somehow and make the availability of the money contingent on some report back. It is not like I did not want to use the money for traffic solutions. I just did not want moneys for something we do not even know what it is going to be for.

Ms. Nakamura: Councilmember Yukimura, as I said earlier, this is going to be the beginning of a dialogue with the Council. I think any...especially, if there is a major road improvement or extension, it will require long-term commitments. This is just one portion, so it will have to be in partnership with the Council to decide on what the priorities should be.

Councilmember Yukimura: So the answer to my question is yes?

Ms. Nakamura: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: You will come to us before any moneys are spent to brief us and allow input from both the public and the Council on the proposed use of the money?

Ms. Nakamura: It seems like that would be the best way to go.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you very much.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions or discussion?

Councilmember Yukimura: I have one more question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You have a question?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. Is this money primarily for short-term traffic solutions that will alleviate traffic congestion in the next year to five (5) years?

Mr. Dahilig: I think that was what the sentiment at the last Council discussion on the previous project was that, "No, we do not want a design plan. We need solutions now." I think that is really the intent here.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. That is good because we want to be able to spend our bond money in a timely fashion.

Mr. Dahilig: Correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: So that is the window for expenditure of these moneys. Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a motion?

Councilmember Yukimura: Chair, with that kind of explanation, I will withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Kagawa: Point of order.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: In a future request, we need a motion and a second in order to have dialogue.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: If it is just to get dialogue between them, I think we should keep that for another time, as far as what the plan is. A lot of these bond projects are not projects that they have started yet. When you look at a bond project, you say, "This is something that the Administration wants to pursue in the future. Is this something that we think is a priority to us or not?" Then we vote up or down on it. It is not to request information now and see what it is and get information on it.

Councilmember Yukimura: Excuse me, Chair, but when we have bond projects, we ask about what the plan is for the moneys and how it is going to be used.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: That plan comes in when...

Councilmember Yukimura: No, we do not just approve a concept.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I do not want to go through every single project again and have them say, "We will include you in the process or not." We are going to get included in every single process for all of this, so we could go through the same argument on every single line item and I do not want to do that.

Councilmember Yukimura: Mr. Chair, this is a new project. It was not on the list that we were briefed on. It is a brand new project. It is new and we have never had any discussion on it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I understand and we had the discussion, but I do not want to go into who is involved or who is not involved. Let us move on. Are there any further cuts for the Bond Fund?

Council Chair Rapozo: I just want to make a comment.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Kagawa mentioned or maybe...I forget who mentioned about the flexibility, but I think one thing is important, and that is why I like Bond Fund items, is because those funds are restricted for that project, unlike General Fund money where the Administration can move money within departments. These funds are specifically for those projects. I do not know if Mike left of what, but I hope that all of you who heard that Council and the public at the last discussion that we were

tired of studies and that we wanted some action. This gives you guys the ability to go do some projects and I just wanted to say thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I want to add one quick thing also. We were reminded of the urgency again when we had the recent closure of the bypass road to the accident. Our people were stalled for two (2) to three (3) hours, as I was in there myself. As a result of that, Chair and I met with the Administration, the Kauai Police Department (KPD), Public Works, and others to push this along and we said it was not only critical to deal with that emergency bypass road, but to deal with traffic congestion in Kapa'a Town. Unfortunately, we have given our people the hope of, "Oh, we can get a little road behind Foodland," and all of these things about what is possible, but there has been no movement whatsoever because for whatever reason, we are waiting on the State. There is not the big money that it is going to take to do it all. This is about putting in some small money and at least starting to take some small steps so that somehow we can get there quicker, as long as it is going to take and still shorten that. Traffic congestion is critical to our people and us.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further cuts for the Bond Fund?
Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have a combination cut and add.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay, for the Bond Fund?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We need a motion and a second.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay.

Councilmember Yukimura moved to reduce Sheltered Bus Stops Design & Construction projects in Bond Fund – CIP by \$60,000 and add a new project titled "Kapa'a-Wailua Area Circulation Plan (County Match)," seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any questions or discussions?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, Mr. Chair. One of the reasons why we are going to be able to have some growth in the Kōloa-Po'ipū area is because we have an area circulation plan for traffic, which was grassroots initiated to match our land use plan for Kōloa-Po'ipū. We have these two (2) essential items: a good land use plan and a traffic circulation plan. We do not have that for the Kapa'a-Wailua area, which is one of the reasons we have such problems. So while the traffic solutions project that we just talked about is going to be for short-term solutions, this proposal here is for a circulation plan that will last us for twenty (20) years or the period of our Kapa'a area plan. I spoke with Ray McCormick, who is now at the State-level and he said that we would qualify for planning moneys at an 80/20 match. So this \$60,000 is a twenty percent (20%) match and the reason I am taking it from the bus shelter program is because we got \$1,500,000 from the Legislature this year for bus shelters, so we will have enough money to move that project ahead. A circulation plan for Kapa'a-Wailua will assist us in having a long-range plan for the bus in that area. A shuttle is certainly part of it and this is not to replace or supplant the shuttle study that is going to happen, but what this plan will do is put all the State and County pieces together into a long-range, twenty (20) year plan. So it will take off from our

short-term one (1) to five (5) years and allow us to do long-term planning and have a transportation component that matches our land use component, which I think we really need for the long-term.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question for the Administration. I think you already know what the question is. Do you have the amendment?

Mr. Suga: I do not.

Councilmember Kagawa: Staff can give it to you, but it is basically taking out \$60,000 from bus shelters because the State gave us \$1,500,000 from the Legislature for bus shelters. I guess we are assuming that we do not need it, but I need to hear from you that we do not need it in those line items and that you agree that using \$60,000 to match State funds is a good use.

Mr. Suga: We had a current project for the bus shelters, which launched this past fiscal year, and we were able to do six (6) locations around the island and install new shelters, so we can call that Phase 1. Phase 2 really was going to be the next set of shelters that go out to bid, which was approximately going to range from about twelve (12) to eighteen (18) locations for Phase 2, and that funding for that particular phase was going to be about \$300,000 of County funds and the \$600,000 that we received from the State Legislature last year to be applied for this Phase 2. The \$1,500,000 that we just received during this current State Legislature year was going to be used for Phase 3 to complete and get to a total of forty-nine (49) bus shelters.

Councilmember Kagawa: So are you saying that you need this \$60,000 to remain?

Mr. Suga: Correct. The \$60,000 that is being proposed to be removed was going to be part of the funding to fund the Phase 2 portion of the bus shelter project.

Councilmember Kagawa: So you do not agree with this?

Mr. Suga: I would not recommend moving the funds.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are these funds part of the match?

Mr. Suga: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is it part of the match to do Phase 2?

Mr. Suga: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Is it the Mayor's position that we should not do an area circulation plan and that we cannot sacrifice something that we can push back a little bit for a \$240,000 Federal match to do an area circulation plan that we need?

Mr. Dahilig: I guess it comes in a context of what is the appropriate time to do the plan? As you are aware, we are still working through drafts of the State DOT plan and that has an effect on what downstream would be studied as a consequence of the circulation plan. It is not to say that a circulation plan would be helpful, but it also comes as a consequence of the timing of when a plan is ordered, and right now, we are midstream in a process that we do not know what the outcomes of that process are.

Councilmember Yukimura: So as the Planning Director, you do not agree that we should have an integrated land use transportation plan?

Mr. Dahilig: That is not what I said.

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, the Wailua-Kapa'a Land Use Plan is already ongoing and we need a transportation plan that matches it.

Mr. Dahilig: So that is where my explanation was because the question to the Administration was, "Is it the Administration's position that such a plan is not necessary?" That is not what we are saying. If we are going to do a plan like this correctly, knowing what is coming down the pipeline in terms of the universe of information that is being developed right now and given the fact that the Council approves budgets on an annual cycle, to move these moneys and actually tee it up for a potential plan down the line...it would be difficult for us to say, "Yes, we can come up with a scope for a plan like this within this fiscal year." That is all I am saying.

Councilmember Yukimura: You cannot come up with a scope for a land transportation plan that is to be a component of the Wailua-Kapa'a plan in a year?

Mr. Dahilig: Because it is also incumbent on other plans that are currently being developed, like for instance, the DOT plan.

Councilmember Yukimura: Why would it be incumbent on other plans when other plans should be part of a long-range plan that should have been done last year or the year before?

Mr. Dahilig: In terms of getting the body of information that is being developed right now, which is eventually the other discussion it is not to say that the plan should or should not be developed just to say that if you are going to go down this path, when is the right time to do this? Given the fact that there is a study that is midstream that the State is in charge of right now, it is difficult for us to say that we will be able to couch a scope that was for a certain amount of money to actually then move forward with a circulation plan. Whether it is "x" amount of money or does it need to be that amount—it is hard for us to say how much a study like that would cost.

Councilmember Yukimura: How much a study like that would cost? The Kōloa-Po'ipū plan cost \$300,000 and...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I think this is our time to ask questions...I know Chair Rapozo has a question also.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think my question can end it. Are you ready to do an area circulation plan for Kapa'a-Wailua?

Mr. Dahilig: Not at this juncture.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion or questions on this? Councilmember Yukimura, do you have a question? The motion on the floor is to reduce the Sheltered Bus Stops Design and Construction projects in Bond Fund CIP by \$60,000 and add a new project titled, "Kapa'a-Wailua Area Circulation Plan (County Match)." Can I get a roll call vote, please?

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Yukimura: Chair, I would like to have some time for discussion. I am shocked that the Planning Director has said what he has said because the reason we are having the traffic problems we are having now is because we do not have a land transportation plan that supports our land use plan. We set a wonderful precedence with our Kōloa-Po'ipū plan, better known as the "South Kaua'i Plan," it is the only community plan that has a full blown land transportation component. That is what will prevent traffic congestion in the future in that area and that is why we can support growth in that area. To not have a circulation plan in the Kapa'a-Wailua area is really shortsighted and not good planning. We have an opportunity to take a small portion of our bus shelter moneys that are not going to hurt in the long run to match and get \$340,000 of Federal funds to do a plan that will get us the kind of data we need to do both short-term and long-term traffic planning. It is a "win-win" all the way around. This Council could say that this is our policy and we would like it done, to the Administration. We are supposed to be an oversight body on where there is lack of foresight on the part of the Administration. We can say, "No, do it," and I recall the Chair saying, "Mike, you do this kind of plan because the State has said that they dropped the bypass road and we need something." So they are getting short-term traffic solutions for the short-term, which we desperately need because traffic is at a logjam, but what happens over the next twenty (20) years? We need to have a plan and I urge my colleagues to assert Council concerns and say, "Let us do the short-term plan. We just funded that. Let us also have a long-range plan for this." We have growth that is happening on the North Shore and we are having growth that we are planning for in Kapa'a. Unless citizens get so fed-up with the traffic that they oppose all of this growth, we need something long-term. It is really logical to be able to spend \$60,000, leverage that to \$300,000, and do a good transportation plan for the Wailua-Kapa'a area.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: So hearing what Councilmember Yukimura just stated makes me lean even more to this position. I would state that I am considering support, and probably will support, because \$60,000 is a very small part of \$1,500,000 and I do believe that when the money is needed at Phase 3 that we should be able to find an additional \$60,000 if we need it. I also think that the planning is important; however, the only thing I would say is, yes, even if we have the votes to do this, we, as a body, only have the right to appropriate the funding, but it is up to the Administration to do the work. I am

hesitant in the sense that it sounds like we can put the money there, but the Administration may just not do that. We cannot order them to do something. We can only provide the funding for them to do it if they thought it was a priority. I am talking myself out of it again, but I will just support Councilmember Yukimura on this. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I have a lot of things that I want you to do, Mayor, I really do. But when the Administration comes up and says, "We are in between plans right now and we cannot move forward until that plan is done and we are really not ready to do this." Number one, I think the bus shelters cost too much money. But you go out to bid, right? We are a victim of procurement. You go and tell the person sitting in the sun or the rain waiting for a bus that we are not going to build them right now because we want to do a plan that the Administration is not even ready to do, which means it is not going to get done. Yes, we provide oversight. We do not provide direction; we cannot provide direction. I heard it from the Administration that this money is not going to be spent. We just heard it. Basically, we lose two (2): we lose the bus shelters, Phase 2, and you lose \$60,000 that you cannot spend. So we get two (2) doughnuts instead of one (1). I am not going to be supporting the cut. If we were ready to move forward, then I would obviously support it, but we are not. We heard that from Planning and the CIP Manager, so I will not be supporting the cut.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: So putting this in the budget will express a Council desire to have a long-term land transportation plan for the Kapa'a-Wailua area. In fact, yesterday you directed the Mayor not to do the North Shore Shuttle. Our actions, which are part of the Charter, does set direction and help to set policy. I believe the Mayor wants what is good for this island and knows that a long-range transportation plan as part of our community plans is essential. There is no way that \$60,000 is going to be spent this year, and if we can access the \$1,500,000, will we be able to get it? I do not think one (1) year's clarity about the goal of the Council, with respect to traffic in the Wailua-Kapa'a area, will hurt at all. In fact, it will let the Administration know and represent the public's desire to have good traffic long-range in the Kapa'a-Wailua area; good traffic circulation.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I just want to respond because when the media takes me out of context, I expect that because that is their job. But when Councilmembers do that, I have to correct it. I never told the Mayor to stop the shuttle. I said I do not support the shuttle for the reasons that I stated. I did not stop the shuttle. This Council stopped the funding. I did not tell the Mayor to stop the shuttle. I did not even talk to the Mayor about the shuttle. I did not. If you are going to characterize my statements, do it accurately, because I can take it, I am a big man. But when you put those kinds of words in my mouth, that is not accurate. I did not direct the Mayor to do anything. I voiced my opposition to a program and we were successful in removing the funding, which in essence, removed the program. That is what I did. Thank you.

Councilmember Yukimura: I want to apologize if I misconstrued the Chair's statement, but basically I meant that he stopped the funding that would ultimately stop the project.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is different from telling the Mayor to stop it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? If not, I am ready to take the vote. The motion on the floor is to reduce the Sheltered Bus Stops Design and Construction Projects in Bond Fund – CIP by \$60,000 and add a new project titled “Kapa‘a-Wailua Area Circulation Plan (County Match).” Can I have a roll call vote, please?

The motion to reduce Sheltered Bus Stops Design & Construction projects in Bond Fund – CIP by \$60,000 and add a new project titled “Kapa‘a-Wailua Area Circulation Plan (County Match)” was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR REDUCTION:	Hooser, Kualii, Yukimura	TOTAL – 3,
AGAINST REDUCTION:	Kagawa, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 3,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any cuts for the Bond Fund? No further cuts for the Bond Fund. Councilmember Yukimura, do you have a cut for the Bond Fund?

Councilmember Yukimura: No.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any cuts for the Development Fund? Any cuts for the General Fund – CIP? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I need to do an increase in revenues first.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We will get through these Bond Funds, then if you are going to increase revenue and you want to add something to the Bond Fund, we can do it at the same time. Are you looking at increasing something in the General Fund?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, I am looking to move stuff from the General Fund to the Public Access.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a process question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I would rather Councilmember Yukimura be allowed to propose both the add and the subtract at the same time, rather than hear the same item twice. I think that saves time and creates efficiency.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. That is how my proposals are designed because I was following the instructions that if you propose something to add, you should propose a cut.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I want to go through all the CIP items first, and then we will do your adds and cuts together.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any more cuts for the General Fund?
Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: When you do your revenue and add, we will do it together, but if you just have a straight cut to the General Fund, then we will take it now.

Councilmember Yukimura moved to reduce Project No. W10037 New Landfill and Resource Recovery Park in General Fund – CIP by \$40,000 and add to the General Fund, Office of Economic Development for YWCA Programs (Family Violence Shelter-\$20,000, and Sexual Assault Treatment Program-\$20,000), seconded by Councilmember Hooser.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Yukimura, what page are you on? I apologize.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think it is page 5.

Council Chair Rapozo: Page 5? Okay, I see it. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: It sounded like a combination.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, it is. It is a cut and an add.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can we hold off on the combinations until after we get through any straight cuts?

Councilmember Yukimura: I do not have any straight cuts.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. I will see if anybody has straight cuts, and then we will do the combinations after. Do we have any straight cuts for the General Fund? Any cuts for the Highway Fund? Any cuts to the Sewer Trust Fund? Any cuts to the Special Trust Fund for Parks and Playgrounds? Okay, we finished each individual CIP Fund. Now, Councilmember Yukimura, if you have a combination of proposals that you want to request, then we will hear them now.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you. I already stated my motion.

Councilmember Kualii: I guess if this item is including a portion that has to do with my employer, I will recuse myself.

Council Chair Rapozo: Hang on, Councilmember Kualii. Mr. Chair, it is difficult when it is combined because I may support the cut, but I may support the add, and this is a motion of both. I would ask that we do it separately, and then Councilmember Kualii can sit in for the cut. The cut will put money in the bucket and the adds will take money from the bucket. I do not necessarily want to be tied to an add that is tied to a specific cut. I think that all the cuts are made, and then out of that pot we know how much we have.

Councilmember Kualii: It is a process thing.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Kualii: I understood your instruction to us, which was to come up with all of your cuts and come up with all of your adds, but not that it had to be together. You should not spend more money than you have, so if you do not make enough

cuts, do not come to us with proposals. However, in my instance, I came up with a lot more cuts than I am proposing to add, so I have a positive balance and I am happy if any other Councilmember wanted to use that or wanted to ask me to make a proposal on their behalf, but I saw it as separate; not to put it forward together.

Councilmember Yukimura: Mr. Chair, I am following your instructions as well. I would like to suggest that if people do not like the combination, they vote it down and when it comes to separate adds, they can add what they want to.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is fine.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: So I guess the decision is that we are going to vote on this entire motion.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you.

(Councilmember Kualii is noted as recused at 9:52 a.m.)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Do we have a motion and a second?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Councilmember Hooser: I seconded.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am glad Public Works is here. This new Landfill Resource Recovery Park is a new project in the supplemental, so we have not had any briefing on it. I think we need to hear the briefing and understand what the project is to the extent that I could understand. I do not support it to the extent of this exclusion, but I am open to hearing from the Administration.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

LARRY DILL, P.E., County Engineer: Good morning. For the record, Larry Dill, County Engineer. The \$94,000 you see before you as the proposal in the CIP Budget is a part of the ongoing effort for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ma'alo Landfill and Resource Recovery Park. Specifically, it is related to providing access to the landfill. Included in the EIS, we went through an involved process with the community, doing traffic studies and archaeological surveys to determine what the best way was to provide access to the landfill because we will have to develop roadways to get up there. Through consultations in-house and with our consultant and some specific individuals, we came up with four (4) options to present to the community. Those options included access points from Kūhiō Highway from 'Ehiku Road, Ma'alo Road...I think it was Laulima Road, and then what I will call the driveway or roadway access by the Robert's operation off Kūhiō Highway. In going through our meetings with the community and subsequent discussions with key members of the Hanamā'ulu Community Association, their preference was that we provide access from Kaua'i Beach Resort. Since that was not included in the original study and included as part of the EIS and presented to the community, the \$94,000 budget you see before you is to allow us to update the traffic report and analysis that was done to include that access. We will have to update our archaeological survey, we will have to do public outreach, and we will have to have another public community meeting to present that to the community to make sure that gets properly vetted as part of the EIS for the Landfill and Resource Recovery Park.

Councilmember Yukimura: Do you not have your consultant already for the landfill and do you not have a contract for the landfill?

Mr. Dill: We do.

Councilmember Yukimura: Why was road access not included in that?

Mr. Dill: It was, but in discussing the scope with the landfill, we agreed upon the scope and the four (4) access points to be covered, and unfortunately, this was not covered as one of the anticipated access points.

Councilmember Yukimura: Why not?

Mr. Dill: Sometimes, we cannot anticipate what the community meetings will come up with.

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, you are talking about this community process that was not done with respect to the Landfill; it was done with respect to the Līhu'e *mauka* road. Was it not?

Mr. Dill: No, it was done with respect to the Landfill, specifically with respect to access to the Landfill. There is an overlap in there because the Līhu'e *mauka* road...the Landfill access roads...some of the options would ultimately become a portion of that Līhu'e *mauka* road, so there is overlap, but the outreach in the community meetings that were done were specifically done with regards to landfill access.

Councilmember Yukimura: You kept saying during the Hanamā'ulu-Līhu'e *mauka* road process that all of this was not related to the Landfill; in fact, it is.

Mr. Dill: No, that is not correct. Ultimately, that road will provide access to the landfill. So from that standpoint, it is related to it. It is not the driving factor behind the Līhu'e *mauka* road.

Councilmember Yukimura: What is the driving factor?

Mr. Dill: Okay, if we want to talk about the Līhu'e *mauka* road, the driving factor there is to provide alternate transportation access around Līhu'e Town and Hanamā'ulu Town.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have been asking for the feasibility study, so we do not even have the feasibility study that actually documents the rationale.

Mr. Dill: We received the draft from our consultant and we are reviewing, and there is some back and forth before we will have the final. We will be happy to provide you with the final when it is ready.

Councilmember Yukimura: So you took out the moneys for the Līhu'e-Hanamā'ulu Road, right? It was in the original...

Mr. Dill: I do not know if we took it out, but we did not need additional funding to complete the contract.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, so it was in the CIP as a line item in the first round in March 15th, but is it not in the supplemental?

Mr. Suga: I believe it still is included. There is a balance.

Mr. Dill: There is a balance of \$12,000 there in the Bond Fund.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, so because it was not covered in the original amount, it is now going to have to be studied in this project.

Mr. Dill: Correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: Who are the specific individuals you talked to?

Mr. Dill: They were board members of the Hanamā'ulu Community Association.

Councilmember Yukimura: The Community Association?

Mr. Dill: Correct.

Councilmember Kagawa: Point of order.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I feel like it is a little unfair to Larry that we are going deep into Ma'alo. It is not on the agenda. I understand that this is part of a CIP item, but when it goes deep into recalling previous meetings and specific answers, I think it would be fairer to put a communication in Public Works. If I know the direction, I can form a letter so that Larry guys can try and be better prepared for this. As far as the cut, I think the general question that needs to be asked is if Scott or Larry plan to use that money or is it needed? If we go along that kind of direction, I can see them answering the question, but if we are going deep into dialogue about Ma'alo, then I think it would be fairer if we give them a little more time and direction as to what we really want to hear from them in a response.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I just want to make a comment, too. Councilmember Yukimura, I have been pretty lenient so far, but I realize that these conversations can go on probably all day and I do not want it to go on all day. I think it is a matter of if they can live with doing the adjustment or not or are they willing to do the project or not, and then we take a vote on it. I am open to some discussion, but I do not want to go into all the details of the project. Obviously, we have been through a lot of these meetings already and it can take all day.

Councilmember Yukimura: Mr. Chair, I respect that and I am not planning to ask them anymore questions, but this is a new project. We did not have it for discussion at the original all day CIP session, so I think we deserve to know what they are proposing to use the money for. That is the disadvantage of this supplemental budget, that we got this on Friday, just a week ago. It is not like we have had a lot of discussion on this project. It is a budget item and we have had long discussions on budget items, but I do not have any additional questions to really ask.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. I think Councilmember Kagawa had a really valid question. Did they answer your question?

Councilmember Kagawa: Keith, you did not. I am sorry for calling you Scott. There are so many Suga brothers. It is tough. Seriously, do you need the money to remain there? If we take away the money and put it somewhere else for now and delay it, will it hurt the CIP program and will it hurt Public Works in any way?

Mr. Suga: I think related to the Landfill access itself and the EIS process overall, I think this is something that we need to move on kind of quickly because at some point, it will become a critical path item that could delay the EIS process. I do not know if Larry has more to add to that.

Mr. Dill: That pretty much summarizes it. We are ready to do the work now and we need to continue it to keep the project moving forward.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Can you use bond money for this? This is General Fund money. This is not supposed to be used for thirty (30) year long-term landfills. This is supposed to be used for operational costs, generally speaking.

Mr. Suga: As part of the recommendations by Brian Hirai, our Bond Counsel in previous years, it was advised at that time that any future expenses to the landfill development—we should not be utilizing General Obligation Bonds, but we should be utilizing Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) Bonds because of the nature that...like what is happening currently at Kekaha Landfill, there is a private entity managing the landfill, so the use of General Obligation Bonds to make improvements towards the landfill—again, he recommended that we not do so and that we utilize future AMT Bonds for any landfill improvement and that is why it is showing up in the General Fund – CIP.

Councilmember Hooser: So what about the AMT Bonds?

Mr. Suga: The AMT Bonds does provide an avenue that allows private entities to manage County facilities.

Councilmember Hooser: But we are not using AMT Bonds?

Mr. Suga: We currently do not have any AMT Bond funding this effort.

Councilmember Hooser: Do we have it funding any other efforts?

Mr. Suga: I believe we have a few AMT Bond funding some of the Cell 2 design work that happened previously.

Councilmember Hooser: And we cannot take \$40,000 out of there?

Mr. Suga: Those funds are already encumbered.

Councilmember Hooser: Okay. It just does not seem to make sense to use General Fund money for projects that should be done with bond money. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: How do we secure AMT Bonds?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Again, I do not know how relevant this question is to this particular line item.

Councilmember Yukimura: It could fund this line item.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: But I do not think that is what we are looking at right now.

Councilmember Yukimura: We are looking at always to fund right now. We move things all around, depending.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Well, I think the question needs to be more specific. Would we want to fund this with AMT Bonds?

Mr. Dill: We would have to float another bond. That would be a new bond float.

Councilmember Yukimura: It would be a new bond float. What exactly is AMT?

Mr. Dill: "Alternative Minimum Tax," I believe.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion on this item?
Councilmember Kagawa.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Kagawa: I want to hear more about the YWCA Family Violence Shelter and the other add, so I will not be supporting this amendment because of the cut to the CIP, but I would be open to supporting it if I hear valid reasons why the YWCA needs \$40,000 because I believe that it relates to our duty not only with KPD, but with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office as well and trying to keep Kaua'i safe. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I just want to make it clear that we are voting on this thing in its entirety.

Councilmember Kagawa: So I will be voting no.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: If someone wanted to propose an add just specifically to YWCA, that can be done in our adds section.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Chair, that is coming in the adds section, so I have that as a separate add.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Any further discussion on this?
Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: To me, this need for extra money on the Landfill is just another example of how our landfill planning has been so poor. When we identified the site as the site that we wanted, we should have in the feasibility study addressed how the access was going to be. It is not something that you do through an EIS. You do it as part of the feasibility study. I do not know that we ever did a feasibility study. We did a site selection, but it has been a process that has not been done properly and it has cost the taxpayers a huge amount of money.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? If not, the motion on the floor is to reduce Project No. W10037 New Landfill and Resource Recovery Park in the General Fund – CIP by \$40,000 and move budget to General Fund, Office of Economic Development for YWCA Programs Family Violence Shelter \$20,000 and Sexual Assault Treatment Program \$20,000. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to reduce Project No. W 10037 New Landfill and Resource Recovery Park in General Fund – CIP by \$40,000 and add to the General Fund, Office of Economic Development for YWCA Programs (Family Violence Shelter-\$20,000, and Sexual Assault Treatment Program-\$20,000) was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR REDUCTION:	Hooser, Yukimura	TOTAL – 2,
AGAINST REDUCTION:	Kagawa, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 3,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	Kuali'i	TOTAL – 1,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We are done with the individual CIP Budget cuts. Councilmember Yukimura, do you have another proposal?

Councilmember Yukimura: I do.

(Councilmember Kuali'i was noted as present in the meeting at 10:06 a.m.)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Welcome back, Councilmember Kuali'i.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am sorry. I am looking for my sheets. Here we go. I do not have a cut, but I have a proposal for increase in revenues and that is combined with an add.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: A revenue add?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. We will take it right now. Is it Real Property Taxes?

Councilmember Yukimura: No.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: It is a revenue increase?

Council Chair Rapozo: I am dying to hear a revenue increase.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We will take the revenue now. I am not really sure what...

Councilmember Yukimura moved to increase Golf Fund Revenues by \$300,000 and reduce the General Fund Subsidy to the Golf Course of \$300,000 and increase the contribution from General Fund to the Public Access Fund by \$300,000, seconded by Councilmember Hooser.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I have a quick question. I see the increase in revenue, but how are we increasing the revenue?

Councilmember Yukimura: By increasing the estimated revenues from the Golf Course for this year. The Golf Course has already told us that they are going to be exploring a new fee schedule and this is one way of anticipating new fees. They would have to increase revenues by about \$800 a day and I think it is quite possible that we would get that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I will second it so that we can move forward. It is my understanding that this measure does not increase fees, but it merely increases the estimate of revenue that is anticipated at the Golf Course, and then shifts some of that revenue to another source. We have done this in the past.

Councilmember Yukimura: In fact, we did it last year.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question for the Director of Finance or Lenny. Maybe Ernie also. My question is, is this accurate to be increasing or anticipating increased revenues of \$800 per day, as she said, totaling \$300,000 when the worldwide interest of golf is going down? It just seems to go against the trend.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

LEONARD A. RAPOZO, JR., Director of Parks and Recreation: For the record, Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Lenny Rapozo. Our exploration of increasing revenues really is to try and shrink our dependability of the infusion from the General Fund. What I am hearing Councilmember Yukimura say is that she wants us to increase our revenues and take the service somewhere else, but we have not gotten the revenues first. We are exploring other ways of increasing revenues—that is true. But our intent was to shrink our dependability on the General Fund...our drain on the General Fund.

Councilmember Kagawa: So you are concerned then if the Council should increase the anticipated revenue of the Golf Fund by \$300,000?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

KEN M. SHIMONISHI, Director of Finance: Ken Shimonishi, Director of Finance. Yes, I would be concerned. There obviously needs to be a basis for such an increase and is that increase proposed in the increase in fees per round or per play or

whatever? I just do not understand what the basis is for the increase. I think the mention of the increase last year—I think then former Chair Furfaro put forth an estimated, which unfortunately was not realized and the golf course did, in fact, end in a deficit, which required the General Fund to put forth additional funding towards that. It was small at \$17,000, but nonetheless, it was not realized in the prior year.

Councilmember Kagawa: Looking at the history, I do not know if anybody has this information, but historically, has our projected revenues for the Golf Fund been pretty accurate? Have there been years when we are \$300,000 over where we anticipated them to be?

Mr. Shimonishi: I cannot recall if that was...I think it has been somewhat of a flat or declining type of trend.

Councilmember Kagawa: So it has been kind of steady, maybe even steady on the decline.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes. That is why we are researching and looking at other general revenue generating types of—we talked about soccer golf as one of the trends that is picking up as an additional revenue to the golf course. It would not increase fees, but it would increase usage or capacity at the golf course. Again, our intent is to try to shrink our liability against the General Fund.

Councilmember Kagawa: I would want to kind of refrain from going into how we hypothetically plan to increase or decrease revenues at this time. I think you would probably need more time to touch base, but just a general question has been answered, that you could find it a little dangerous or not good accounting practice to anticipate such a large increase when the trend has actually been steady or decreasing. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you, Lenny. How many revenue streams do you have at the Golf Course?

Mr. Rapozo: Just the concessions and play.

Council Chair Rapozo: You have the green fees?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Then you have the carts?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes, the carts and the restaurants.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Is your concessions contract or leased?

Mr. Rapozo: Contract.

Council Chair Rapozo: How long is your contract?

Mr. Rapozo: Five (5) year contracts.

Council Chair Rapozo: On both?

Mr. Rapozo: On both with options to renew on a year-to-year up to two (2) years.

Council Chair Rapozo: So it is year-to-year?

Mr. Rapozo: Five (5) year base contracts and we can renew up to two (2) additional years, so potentially seven (7) years.

Council Chair Rapozo: So we are in the middle of a five (5) year contract?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: So we are not getting more revenue from those two (2) concessions, so that is out.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: That leaves us with green fees.

Mr. Rapozo: Or play. We try to get more play.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, but you only get what you get.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: If you raise fees, you probably are not going to get more play.

Mr. Rapozo: Exactly.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is \$300,000 even something that...

Mr. Rapozo: It would be wonderful if we can achieve that goal.

Council Chair Rapozo: But realistically?

Mr. Rapozo: No, I do not think so.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think last year, \$17,000 was tied into the marketing campaign. What did they call that last year? The coconut...

Mr. Rapozo: And we continue to do that.

Council Chair Rapozo: That was the nexus that the Former Chair used, was that we had expected \$17,000 with shift, but this is \$300,000 and this would require you to boost the green fees or play to a level of \$300,000.

Mr. Rapozo: Right.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not think that can be done because your contracts are tied up, so we are not going to get any more revenue.

Mr. Rapozo: No.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: So our contracts are not on our concessions of percentage over certain growth?

Mr. Rapozo: No.

Councilmember Yukimura: Why not?

Mr. Rapozo: From the start, it has never been.

Councilmember Yukimura: But is the entrepreneurial way for getting the most possible fairest way, not because you have a limit and if they do not go over that limit, then you do not get the percentage, but if they do, you get a percentage? Is that not the best practice for getting the most out of our concessions?

Mr. Rapozo: Councilmember Yukimura, if you remember the history, it was hard enough just to get the vendors in. At one time, nobody wanted to bid.

Councilmember Yukimura: Right.

Mr. Rapozo: We went down from...I forget what the exact numbers are, but it is really more.

Councilmember Yukimura: When you set a limit, you give them a lot of leeway to grow into, and then you say if you go after...

Mr. Rapozo: It has never been the tradition of this County from the previous vendors to the current who have such a structured contract. We have not done that and maybe in the next contract, that is something we could look at. Currently, it is not in the contract.

Councilmember Yukimura: This \$300,000 is like an incentive for the Golf Course to try to raise more money because I heard you say during our budget hearings that you will be looking at ways to increase the fees. Indeed, you are saying that your goal is to reduce the General Fund subsidy to the Golf Course of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Right now, we are subsidizing the Golf Course by \$1,000,000, so actually this proposal is exactly what you are talking about. It would reduce the subsidy to the Golf Course by \$300,000, so it would free up \$300,000 of General Fund money.

Mr. Rapozo: If it was to be for the Golf Course, then yes, and not shift it somewhere else.

Councilmember Yukimura: You talked about that we still have these senior cards that are \$26 a month for unlimited play, which for some it could be \$1 to \$5 a round.

Mr. Rapozo: Our Deputy is working on...I think he presented during the budget hearing that aside from the card, you play so much and maybe it would cost you \$1 more and that is something that is...

Councilmember Yukimura: I think we are all in favor of some kind of a discount, but since they get prime time and unlimited, that reduces the amount of play that you can sell on the market. I heard a great intention to begin to fix some of those fee schedules so that we can still give discounts for local play, but also raise more money. If we are subsidizing people who can pay a little bit more and taking away from the General Fund needs that we could be supporting, whether it is domestic violence or otherwise—it seems that we need to do that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I feel like we are drifting.

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, no, we are talking about how to reach that \$300,000 revenue.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: But I do not think they have any of those proposals in place as of this budget, so for us to arbitrarily say, “Let us just increase revenue by \$300,000”—I could see if the County came up and said, “We are going to increase the rate of play. We are going to do this and this is our new number that we are going to get,” but right now, the line item that we have is that we are arbitrarily increasing revenue \$300,000 and to say, “Oh, what if we do this? What if we do that?” That is not on the table right now. On the table now is this increase of Golf Fund revenue of \$300,000. Maybe in the future they may try to increase it, but I do not think what they plan to do is what we are deciding on right now.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, so you are saying that to get \$800 more per day on the average is not possible.

Mr. Rapozo: Everything is possible, but we would have to increase play based upon the current rates.

Councilmember Yukimura: So are you committed to seeing what our optimum is, so taking into consideration wanting to give discounts for locals and I think we talked about Kaua'i players who support the Golf Course with real property taxes and not necessarily Hawai'i players? I heard a lot of positive things about how you are going to start to increase the revenues and decrease the subsidy to the General Fund. If you are doing that, then you are saying though that in your intention to increase revenues and decrease the General Fund subsidy, you think an \$800 a day increase on the average is too much right now?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes, on average.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions?

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not have any questions, but I have discussion later.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? If not, I will open it up for discussion. Council Chair Rapozo.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: The analogy would be for us to up the real property tax revenue by \$2 million because I need \$2 million. So on paper, you guys figure out how to do it, but we are going to up real property tax revenue \$2 million, so on paper we look like we are in good shape. In the world of white collar investigating, which is what I did, that is called "cooking the books." There is no basis for a \$300,000 increase at the Golf Course. There is absolutely no basis. It is basically shifting it on paper, but at the end of the day, guess what? The money bill is going to be coming right back here for \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Golf Fund. I agree with the Chair, that if, in fact, the Administration had a plan—I do not know how you raise \$800 a day. I really do not...not at the Golf Course. I would love to see that happen, but I just know that it will not. The other thing again is that it is a process. Because there is an add and a cut, it requires five (5) votes because of the add. I just wanted to make that clear that when you combine the two, because it is one total package, you have to go with five (5) votes. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have a memo here dated March 7, 2011 and it is from Lenny Rapozo to Jay Furfaro, Council Chair, relating to golf course revenue shortfalls. The question sent by the Council was, "What do you mean by 'maximized distribution of fees to patron?'" and the answer is, "We believe a self-sustaining golf course operation has been a goal of past Administrations and is a goal and priority for this Administration. One of the paramount objectives is to maximize the rounds of golf by residents and nonresidents, or to maximize the distribution of fees to patrons. This simply means that the greater number of paying customers who play on Wailua Golf Course, the lower the golf fee rate would need to be to cover operational costs. If every tee time each day can be filled equally by residents and nonresidents, this would allow the lowest golf fee rates to be established to cover the costs of daily operations." So in 2011, the goal of the Golf Course operations was to be self-sustaining and to adjust fees to allow for both local play and visitor play in a fair optimal way. How many years ago was that? We are in 2015.

Council Chair Rapozo: Four (4).

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, so four (4) years ago. The subsidy of \$1,000,000 has not decreased substantially. So to increase the revenues is to give the Golf Course both an incentive and a target to figure out how to get more self-sufficient. Now, \$300,000 still leaves a \$700,000 subsidy, so it is not like we are saying "remove the whole subsidy at once," but it is saying "start making some progress." If come midyear we do not have enough money, after the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), we can appropriate some money, but it is still a way to give them an incentive to work on this problem. Plus, it gives money for our Open Space Commission and it puts aside money to help our young people and our families into the future because open space is such a critical part of the quality of life on this island.

Council Chair Rapozo: I have a question for Councilmember Yukimura.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think it is the same argument that we subsidize the Transportation Agency as well and it would be no different than asking the

Transportation Agency to go wean off \$300,000 from the bus system without no additional resources to help increase ridership or whatever. I think it is the same argument that it is very difficult, for me anyway, to support that kind of—it is not an incentive. We are basically requiring them to go find that \$300,000 and it is just difficult for me to support.

Councilmember Yukimura: I would like to answer the question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: So I think there is a huge difference when the service is something that people depend on to get to work and to school, versus playing golf. I honor playing golf. It is a really important part of our life here on Kaua'i, too, but when you look at ability to pay and you look at necessity for work and school, it is very, very different. This Council makes decisions to prioritize according to ability to pay, as well as necessity versus...I think you said it yourself, Chair—"what is convenient and desirable versus what is needed." Transportation is needed, not only for the people who use it, but for the business community because it is a foundation of growth for this community and it allows this community to function every day.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: We are back to this, "Let us target only the sport of golf again and let only the golfers be self-sufficient. Forget about soccer players; forget about baseball players; and forget about beachgoers. Let us subsidize all of those things like tennis, with playing at night, electricity. Let us subsidize all of the other sports and let us try to make golf self-sufficient." I think to say that transportation is more important than a senior getting to golf in his older days—to me, it is hard to take. When my grandfather stopped golfing, that was when his health went down and he died soon after.

Councilmember Kualii: Mr. Chair, we agree with all of the philosophies, but I think we should vote on the line item.

Councilmember Kagawa: Well, I am in discussion.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I will allow Councilmember Kagawa to finish his discussion, and then we will vote on it. I think we all pretty much know where we stand on this already.

Councilmember Kagawa: I will close by saying that we have to look at all things that we subsidize, not just one. I will leave it at that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Thank you. I think we should vote on it also. I think there has been enough rhetoric and posturing about all our different things and what is good today is not good yesterday. Yesterday, we were "cooking the books" on health protection to achieve an end and to achieve certain things. Today, we are expanding the budget on the Golf Course. It is all stuff that is discussed every budget year and it makes no difference, so I do not think that we should criticize each other for the strategies that we are doing. If we support the issues, let us vote it up or if we do not support it, let us vote it down. In past budgets, I have sat here and seen this Council arbitrarily cut electricity budgets. Let us just cut everything by five percent (5%) and create \$300,000 and use it for this. It happens all the time. Let us be honest with ourselves. There is nothing wrong with looking at the budget and saying, "Well, there is a perfect expectation that they are

going to increase, so they have the ability to increase and we will put a little bit on there to use for another project.” It happens all the time. For us to act like it does not, I think, is disingenuous. Let us move on, temper the conversation, and vote these things up or down. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Process?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not have a problem. I agree with Councilmember Hooser completely. So why do we not take the ten (10) minute caption break so that everybody can go settle down? When we come back, you put your proposal on the table, explain why, and we vote. I tell you what is causing the rhetoric or whatever—it is the comments that are made. Put your position on the floor, make your argument and we vote. Then we are done.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I cannot believe I am hearing that we should not have debate and discussion. This is part of the deliberative process.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am just agreeing with Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Wait a second, my name came up twice now. Point of order. I am saying the rhetoric and posturing. Let us have debate, but let us not go off on these disingenuous kinds of comments.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa. Afterwards, I will make a final comment.

Councilmember Kagawa: It is amazing how rhetoric is called when I say it, but when this side says it, it is not rhetoric. Let us be fair. If you all want to not talk, let us not talk. Let us just vote. Do not call my stuff rhetoric when your stuff is rhetoric.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Chair, please call for a recess.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I want us to take this vote before we take the recess so that we do not need to come back to it already because I think we are all ready to take the vote. When we do our discussion, can we please keep it to the facts and try not to do the back and forth discussion? Councilmember Yukimura, I do not want to go back and forth on this either.

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, I think there is something really important to clear up. I am not talking about not subsidizing our senior golfers, because you can use visitor fees to subsidize. It was actually said in Lenny’s memo of 2011. It is about finding the right proportion in how to do that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think with that, we are ready to vote. The motion on the floor is to increase the Golf Fund revenue by \$300,000, decrease the subsidy from the General Fund to the Golf Fund by \$300,000, and increase the contribution from the General Fund to the Public Access Fund by \$300,000. Can I have a roll call vote, please?

The motion to increase the Golf Fund revenues by \$300,000 and reduce the General Fund Subsidy to the Golf Fund by \$300,000, and increase the contribution from the General Fund to the Public Access Fund by \$300,000 was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Hooser, Yukimura	TOTAL – 2,
AGAINST MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: With that, we will take a ten (10) minute caption break and come back.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Welcome back. I think we all had a little time to catch our breath. I just want to make a few comments. I know we have been doing a lot of back and forth and I just want to ask the Members that when mentioning people's names when we are in discussion—maybe we will try and keep it off of that or quoting Members because I think it takes away from the discussion. The discussion ends up being more about whether I said that or I did not say that then what the discussion is about. I will be watching that a lot closer and I just want to keep the discussion concise. If it continues to go back and forth a lot, I will probably have to implement stricter rules, but I am not trying to prevent discussion. We all have our five (5) minutes and we can use our five (5) minutes, but I am not trying to prevent discussion. I mentioned before that debates on these items can go back and forth the entire day if we wanted it to and I do not want it to. Eventually, we state our sides and we make the decision. With that, do we have any further cuts to the CIP Budget or any combination cuts and adds together? Okay, we have no further cuts. We will move on to adds and we are not turning back. We are now finished with the reductions to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget. I will entertain any additions or amendments at this time and I would like to take the additions in the following order: Operating Budget additions, CIP additions, amendments to Budget Provisos, and amendments to Real Property Tax rates. Starting with the Operating Budget, do any Councilmembers have an addition to propose? We are taking any additions. We are not going to take it by department. Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I have a few additions. I am just going to toss it out there and I will respect the decision of this body, but I do want to preface my proposals with that...my cuts came out to \$270,000. My adds are more than that, but I had anticipated—one of the things that people have to understand is that because of the Sunshine Law, we do not get to see all the different proposals until today. There may be some discussion amongst two (2) Members, but as far as what the others have, I do not know. Against the support of the Administration to use OPEB if we needed to, we could come to the cuts that would rise to the level of the adds, but we did not have to touch OPEB—that is one thing. I am going to just go with the adds and we can vote them up or down. Let me just start with the Mayor's Office. I have two (2) adds.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Rapozo, in all fairness, I think so that we all get a fair share at adds and voting on adds, I would hate to just go through all of your adds and everybody says no not knowing what everyone's adds are. I will go to you

and if somebody else has another add, we will go around the table and come back to you, just to even it out.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is fine. I can even go last if you like.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You can see how much money we have, and then you can do all of your adds. I would rather go one at a time. If nobody else has an add, we will go back to you and we will just continue doing it that way. We will make it fair to everybody if they have adds.

Council Chair Rapozo: Did Mike Contrades leave? Can you have him come in? I told him that I did not think we were going to get to his item until after lunch, but I will start with that one so that we can get him out of here. We submitted a similar request for a Legal Analyst at KPD years ago and the Council approved the position and approved the funding, and the Administration, for whatever reason, felt that that was not necessary and that, in fact, assigned a Deputy County Attorney to the Police Department to basically take the place of this Legal Analyst. I am not sure if the Chief is going to be here today, but we have the Assistant Chief here. Over the last year, I have been hearing from police officers that were concerned about cases not being prosecuted, about cases being declined, and not being charged. I did setup a meeting with the Chief and found that there were a significant amount of cases that were not being prosecuted for whatever reason. The general reason given or the most common reason was unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt or the lack of evidence. Whatever the case was, these cases are not being charged. I asked the Chief, "What is the solution?" You folks do not have a Legal Analyst. The Police Department does not have a Legal Analyst; someone that the Department can rely on a day-to-day basis that does not reach the level of the County Attorney's Office; basically reviewing policy and issues that occur with the existing problems going on in the country involving police officers. The Department does not have that legal capacity to assist. Our Office here has two (2) Legal Analysts and they do a wide variety of work that does not, again, infringe on what the duties and obligations of the County Attorney are. We work fine. They review policy and work with the County Attorney in cases that we need representation for the Charter. On a day-to-day, they function with our staff and provide a valuable service so that we do not task the County Attorney's Office with menial tasks. Although the last setup or structure worked, it benefitted the Police Department. In my discussions with the Chief, his position on this position has not changed since the last time this Council approved it. It is my intention and hope that we can support this position that, in fact, the Administration will allow this to happen so that we can start on a few tracks. Number one is getting in line with the Prosecutor's Office, figuring out what is not working, and setting the officers and the Department on track so we can better serve the community. That is number one. Number two is—again, what is going on in the country with law enforcement? With the problems going on, I believe this position can help the Department formulate policies, training, and just daily guidance. I have spoken with Mauna Kea Trask about this because the last ruling that we got from the County Attorney's Office the last time this passed was that it posed a potential conflict with the Charter. I disagree with that because if that was true, we, as Council Services, would not be able to have Legal Analysts. The Charter is the same Charter. The County Attorney serves us, just like they serve the Administration. The County Attorney is not the Mayor's attorney, not the Council's attorney; it is the County's attorney. I do not buy that argument. The bottom line is if we believe that the Department deserves some legal assistance, some legal help, and some assistance with improving the Department and seeking accreditation. Whatever the Chief decides or the police administration decides—granted it is a significant amount of money with the pay and benefits, but I believe that it is well worth the investment. Number one, we are going to provide the Department with the guidance necessary. As you contemplate voting on this, think about what we all said at the Police Week ceremony and

at the Police Week certificate and how we treasured you guys and appreciate what you guys do. The second thing is to take away the stresses from the County Attorney's Office. I know I am going on, Chair Kaneshiro, but I want to get this point across because since Mr. Trask took over, he came to me and said, "Chair, we are receiving a lot of stuff that is basically short of what the County Attorney's role is." He was not doing that to punt, but he was doing that because he wanted to comply with the Charter, and I agree. We are utilizing our Legal Analysts now much more on the day-to-day and I want that same service for the Police Department. That is my proposal. Assistant Chief Contrades and Mauna Kea Trask are here. I guess I would ask Mr. Contrades.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: First, I would like to get a motion and a second.

Council Chair Rapozo: That was my motion.

Council Chair Rapozo moved to add a new position titled "Legal Analyst, EM 05" to the Chief's Office, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I should have said this earlier, and I apologize Council Chair Rapozo, but when we do our adds, I think strategically if you are going to do an add, I would put your top priority first. We have done a lot of cuts and we have the number here. I would rather that you guys do your top priority stuff first. Just because we have a balance here does not necessarily mean we need to add everything to it. It would be my intention that if there is anything left that it go into the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Chair, I appreciate that and I have some adds that would benefit this Office as well. But today, this is my priority. This is a long overdue priority in my opinion. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you. Any questions or comments.
Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I see County Attorney Mauna Kea Trask here, so I just want to ask about the legal question that was alluded to by Council Chair. Is there a legal question about the legality of a Legal Analyst?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

MAUNA KEA TRASK, County Attorney: Mauna Kea Trask, County Attorney. The Charter is clear that the County Attorney...let us see...803.4, "The county attorney shall be the chief legal advisor and legal representative of all agencies, including the council and of all officers and employees in manners related to their official powers and duties." Then, "The county attorney shall have the power to appoint such deputy county attorneys and necessary staff as authorized by council." With that clarification, this Legal Analyst—I do not have a problem with it because that Legal Analyst, given that that person will not be a deputy county attorney, they will not have the Charter authority to give legal advice. It would effectively be like an in-house paralegal or something to that effect to assist short of rendering legal advice. I do not know what the position description is, but it would be good if they had...like your Legal Analysts' legal background and education. It would help us; we speak the same language. It could lead to organizational efficiencies. I do not necessarily have a problem. I do want to clarify that because of that, I would just like to clarify the amount. I am not sure on the amount and that it would come from Police or it would be a line item budget, and not from the County Attorney's Office.

Council Chair Rapozo: It would be Police.

Mr. Trask: Okay. Is there an amount?

Council Chair Rapozo: \$124,165.

Mr. Trask: That is including benefits, so the salary would be \$81,108.

Council Chair Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Trask: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Yukimura: My follow-up question is, is there any reason why a deputy county attorney cannot perform that function, much as the attorney to the Department of Water is performing that function?

Mr. Trask: Well, you said is there any reason why a deputy county attorney could not?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Mr. Trask: When you ask that, is that a current deputy county attorney or a county attorney position solely...or budgeted for within KPD and their salary paid out of their budget like the Department of Water deputy?

Councilmember Yukimura: It is whether or not we can address these needs with a current body because we should not add more bodies if we can handle the work with an existing attorney.

Mr. Trask: The biggest issue this County has with its deputy county attorneys and the County Attorney's Office right now is just one of capacity. What you have are currently nine (9) deputy county attorneys, soon to be eight (8), representing under the Legislative Branch, three (3) essential, separate departments: the County Council; the body; yourself; itself comprised of seven (7) individuals; the County Clerk's Office; and the County Auditor. That is the three (3) in the Legislative Branch. In the Executive Branch, you have seventeen (17) different departments like Public Works and Parks and Recreation, and the traditional departments, so that is a total of twenty (20) departments. Add to that seventeen (17) Boards and Commissions, all of which are staffed by a County Attorney, which gives you thirty-seven (37) different clients in a sense. That is extrapolated over hundreds of employees. You have a difficulty for your current County Attorney's staffing to address all of these issues. The big one mentioned by the Chair is the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) certification. We have never had the muscle to do something like that.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am sorry. Can you explain CALEA certification?

Council Chair Rapozo: It is accreditation.

MICHAEL CONTRADES, Assistant Chief of Police: Yes, it is the Commission On Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay.

Mr. Trask: I think it definitely could be helpful. Of course, if we could get another county attorney body—it is not appropriate right now to ask for it because we have not budgeted for it, but a deputy would be good, too, but that deputy would be utilized across the whole County. I would like to maximize the efficiency. There are plusses for this position.

Councilmember Yukimura: I see the Managing Director.

Mr. Trask: In short just to clarify, I think that with current staffing levels, we are not able to commit the amount of resources I know that KPD would like to see and they have been really understanding about that, but under our current staffing, they would not get what they would want.

Ms. Nakamura: Nadine Nakamura, Managing Director. We do not disagree that KPD could use additional legal assistance. I think it is a policy direction that needs to be discussed. There were other departments as well, but do you then start having other departments like Fire and Public Works have their own internal legal analyst, who actually cannot do the things that a deputy county attorney could do. It is a policy decision. Do you want to start decentralizing legal services, as we have with the Department of Water, for example, that is I believe a Deputy County Attorney who is assigned to the Department of Water and is housed at the Department of Water.

Mr. Trask: Yes. I think that is a good point by the Administration because one of the things you have is when you have a situation like the Water Deputy, the salary is paid for by the department, but the deputy only garners its authority from the County Attorney's Office, so you have a semiautonomous relationship, but without the authority of the County Attorney's Office, you do not have a deputy, and without the paycheck, you do not have a body. So you have a relationship and that kind of can lead to...it has not been necessarily a problem, but that can lead to disputes between departments over time because the department paying the salary is of the opinion that, "We pay for the deputy. We can do whatever we want with it." But that deputy, because you have a sole assignment to one department, when you have issues like personnel come up, they are not going to represent the department for those personnel issues because it is within house, comes with potential conflicts, or leads to an uncomfortable working environment. The County Attorney's Office is nonetheless still utilized to do the personnel action, which every department has to deal with. There is not really a true division, and I want to avoid as much as we can departmental disputes because I find those to be the most expensive of the County's liabilities.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, there are problems when you fragment the legal services to the County because it can actually lead to more conflict.

Mr. Trask: It has the potential.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think with the Deputy County Attorney in Water, you at least have both the communication and the management link so that there is a cohesiveness of legal advice etcetera.

Mr. Trask: Correct, and it is a semiautonomous agency. I do not want to make problems with Water, but just to talk about the issues.

Ms. Nakamura: It also is helpful in some cases where we just needed to have a different objective viewpoint and we can bring in that Department of Water attorney to assist with the personnel matter because she would have an objective

point of view and she could do that legal research under the County Attorney's direction. You can have some flexibility.

Councilmember Yukimura: It seems like some optimization of services, too.

Mr. Trask: Correct. If forced to choose, I would prefer to have a legal analyst assigned to KPD versus a sole deputy because I think a deputy is very valuable and can benefit more of the County than just one (1) department. I think in this situation to have a sole deputy assigned to the department, it would be better to have a legal analyst versus one whole deputy because then that whole deputy...I am not able to use them or there is conflict to use them with anything else. I also would like another deputy. I would like it all.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. I was just wondering if KPD knows if the other counties, especially Hawai'i island and Maui County have a similar position that is just under the Maui Police Department and the Hawai'i Island Police Department because I assume that Honolulu probably has several.

Mr. Contrades: For the record, Michael Contrades, Assistant Chief of Police. I believe they do. I am not sure. I think Hawai'i island, if I am not mistaken, is similar where they have someone assigned, but I believe that person is assigned to the department. I am not sure if it is an analyst or if it comes from their County Attorney's Office. I can get you that information.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. My second question is, as Councilmember Rapozo stated, would it help to make sure that we do not have some missing cases because we do not have that individualized help that you guys need to process on time or what have you? What I do not want to see is that we spend the time and energy in building the case, doing the police report, and investigation and for some reason or another, we do not have the staff to follow-up the work that the officer did. I think that is a waste of time, and then it becomes a safety issue as well.

Mr. Contrades: The position could help in that manner, in terms of review. Where it would really help is in terms of training, review of contracts, and review of our policies that will basically help keep us out of trouble. Having that person in-house and available is priceless. We had that for a little while with Nick Courson and he has been a tremendous asset to us, along with the rest of our County Attorney partners. We have worked closely together. Recently, there was a policy change in terms of moving him back to the County Attorney's Office, which we supported because we wanted to support the County Attorney's vision, but it did leave a void in terms of being able to discuss with somebody one-on-one, every single day and seeing them every day, and then having them review our policies. Because we have a close working relationship, I know how busy they are and the County Attorneys are very busy. Having someone assigned strictly to us to help us with our policies and procedures would be of tremendous assistance to us.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Chief, so Hawai'i island has some legal advice, but it may be as a deputy county attorney assigned to the department?

Mr. Contrades: I am not sure. I would have to check. I think so, but I do not want to say for sure, one way or the other.

Councilmember Yukimura: What about Maui?

Mr. Contrades: I believe they have their own legal analyst, but I can get you that information for sure. I do not want to misspeak and give you the wrong information.

Councilmember Yukimura: You say that when Nick was able to be...was he full-time?

Mr. Contrades: He was housed in our Department. He had his own office and we would be able to access him at any time. He continues to be very valuable, along with Phil Dureza, Ian Jung, Mauna Kea Trask, and Steve Hall. We all work closely with them, but there is a difference because they have so many different departments that they have to deal with. So we would still go back to them for the major things like personnel issues and those types of stuff, but in the day-to-day interactions, getting guidance and review of our policies, we really could use somebody to help us with that one.

Councilmember Yukimura: You would think there is full-time legal work...the kind of work you need...

Mr. Contrades: Absolutely.

Councilmember Yukimura: If we were to give a deputy county attorney to the County Attorney's Office who would commit to having somebody full-time at the Police Department—would that work, too?

Mr. Contrades: Either way, we would be happy to have somebody. Under Mauna Kea, I would not worry about that position being taken away. In the future, who knows what will happen. But having somebody strictly assigned to us, I think, would be a better route.

Councilmember Yukimura: When I say strictly assigned, they might be physically present, but they would be able to do other work as well, like what the Managing Director said that if there is a conflict of interest, they could step in somewhere to give more flexibility of use.

Mr. Contrades: That is where it is problematic, which under the Chief's purview, that person works for us, so they can assign that person to do certain things. Under a different department, if the loyalty is there *per se*, whatever the boss says, that person has to do what they have to do.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Mauna Kea.

Mr. Trask: On that, I actually, as a County Attorney again—traditionally, Kaua'i...it looked like the office had always tried to give a department an attorney and with the number of departments, you would really need truly—like in the private practice, you would have one attorney for one client, so you would need thirty-seven (37) attorneys. You are not going to have that and you are not going to do that. If you break it down according to issue versus department, you actually have about seven (7) issues that this County deals with and they are across the board: every department deals

with personnel; every department has contracts; the County in general, public property, the use of public money; public safety; governance; and public rights. Those are basically the issues that you are dealing with. As the County Attorney's Office can more readily address issue-based assignment, then what you do is you develop expertise, single deputies; you get very familiar with personnel issues. You can address those. If you get really familiar and develop expertise, your advice is better, quicker, more reliable, and becomes consistent across the County. You address four (4) major issues when dealing with an attorney-client relationship in that matter. To and until I am able to do that, it is my vision to move more towards issue-based assignments for deputies. I am very hesitant to give any department an attorney because if a big conflict comes up and workloads come up or a big case gets filed, I am going to need the flexibility to move that legal expertise around. That is why a legal analyst solely assigned within a department that speaks the same language as the County Attorney's Office can act as a conduit and organize communication between the departments. It is very helpful. They also deal with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (OPA), too. So if they have any questions with the Prosecutor's Office, it is attorney to attorney; one attorney to one attorney versus a variety of officers, assistant chiefs, sergeants, clerical staff, Hawai'i Government Employees Association (HGEA) staff, and whoever is being served with a subpoena. It is very disorganized and it makes it difficult.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro:

Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think part of the reason the last time, and this is basically "round 2," was to give the Chief the flexibility to hire who they wanted to hire, someone with that expertise; not just an attorney, but an attorney who has that expertise. O'ahu has a few of them. In fact, this position description was really tailored off of the Honolulu positions. Let me just ask you, Mauna Kea, because these are the areas that I believe the Department needs help in. I will do this quick, Mr. Chair. Just bear with me. "Researches, investigates, and analyzes department programs, policies, and other complex issues; proposes legal findings for presentation to the department's administration." That is twenty-five percent (25%) of this position's time. "Drafts updates to general orders and policies, assist in the Police's accreditation process, reviews and/or drafts legal communications as directed by the Chief of Police or its designee." What I am reading does not reach the level of the County Attorney's function. Do you want me to wait until you guys are finished talking? This was really meant for you, Mauna Kea.

Mr. Trask: I am sorry. I can say that it does and those matters do not necessitate. Like you said, it could be done by someone else. I am willing to work with KPD. We have a good relationship. To really serve the community is what it is all about. I started my career as a criminal defense attorney, I then did at prosecution, and now I am in civil, but I really understand how the criminal justice system works. In going both sides; going against KPD or working with KPD, the nuances you have to deal with and these kinds of matters. You can have legal discussions and work the policy. If KPD really wants one, I could use a legal analyst, too, but I cannot guarantee that it is going to go to KPD. I am going to use that position how I need to use it.

Council Chair Rapozo: Right. That was the whole purpose of this. Can you imagine, Councilmembers, if our two (2) Analysts were deputy county attorneys, that did not report to the County Clerk? How unfair is that? I think that is what this boils down to, which is giving that department the resource and making sure that they have a direct line of communication with the department head; not the County Attorney. What happens when you do have a conflict? I understand that Nick did a great job over there, but he was not the department's attorney; he was a county attorney, a deputy county attorney that had many other functions. The legal analyst is not a county attorney; he or she is a legal analyst, like I said, like ours. They provide a valuable service. I cannot

imagine having to call you, Mauna Kea, because I wanted our legal analyst to do something. “Hey Mauna Kea, I need your approval because obviously it is your deputy.” Do you know what I am saying? That chain-of-command needs to be within the department, not stretched across the street. That is why I believe this is the direction that we need to go.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Chief, you mentioned this conflict of loyalties and I guess that is what I am a little concerned about because I am thinking the fragmentation of services leads to a division of loyalties that causes more conflict, rather than everybody having a loyalty to the one County. So I am a little concerned about that.

Mr. Contrades: Perhaps I used the wrong word in terms of “loyalty.” Basically, you report to one chain-of-command, so the priorities, of course, would be with the Kaua’i Police Department because the person works for us. That is what I meant. Like the Chair alluded to or said that if he is working for the County Attorney, the County Attorney decides where the resource goes, and in this particular case, we did have somebody assigned to us full-time, and that resource because of the new plan, which we again supported, was to utilize the deputy county attorney to deal with specific issues, not specific departments. So we did see a change in the amount of work that we could get done through that and we definitely could use an analyst to help us with this process.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Nadine, did you have a quick comment?

Ms. Nakamura: I just wanted to say that yes, there are a lot of needs that KPD has in the legal area that have been articulated by the Chair and one of the thoughts...if we are going to go down this path for other large departments, are we going to then let the Fire Department have their own legal analyst, or Public Works that has a lot of legal issues have a legal analyst assigned to them? That is sort of the bigger policy question. Another solution might be to have that legal analyst within the County Attorney’s Office, but working with the Police Department or by saying seventy-five percent (75%) of your work is relating to help move the KPD’s agenda. That might give some flexibility to some other department.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Nadine, I do not understand. What would be the argument against Public Works saying, “I want a legal analyst seventy-five percent (75%) of the time housed in the County Attorney’s Office?” I think it is very clear, I think, to everyone here that the Police Department is probably the most vulnerable or subject to issues: civil and criminal. Look at what is happening in the world today. I think that is why this was generated, because of what has been happening. You do not see a whole bunch of Public Works departments throughout the country running into issues. Yes, we have internal issues and we deal with that. But the Police Department, because of their job and their authority to carry a badge, gun, Taser, and all of these things—they are just lightning rods for much more litigation. What this position is trying to do is to prevent that. It is a preventative measure so that we can make sure our policies are in order and make sure that the Department is given that necessary legal guidance without having to task the County Attorney’s Office. That is what this is about.

Mr. Trask: To expand on that, I would just like to add that with this Legal Analyst, it is my understanding and my takeaway that this body is

recognizing the continuing, growing legal needs of the County. If that means that this will result in more resources put towards your own legal support, in order to do better enforcement, write better ordinances, and make better rules, I definitely as the County Attorney would like to see that. You all need more county attorneys. It is a necessity and a reality. If this is moving towards that, I do not have a problem with that. I do think that you have to acknowledge that you do need more attorneys.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I am going to ask Councilmember Hooser for his question, but I would like to stop the questions and bring the conversation back, have our discussion and vote on this. Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I just have discussion. I am ready to move.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have one question left.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Chief, among the jobs or duties mentioned is the accreditation process and I do not remember getting briefed on where we were...I am sure you did it, but I just do not remember, where the Police Department is with the accreditation process.

Mr. Contrades: Right now, we are in the phase of reviewing our policies. We have upwards of one hundred (100) different policies that need to be reviewed by our senior staff, as well as our legal...right now, that is taking the longest. We also have a couple other issues to get into compliance with CALEA standards. One of it has to do with our evidence vehicles and how we properly store those, so we are working on a solution right now. Probably the biggest hurdles are those policies and it is a long process. After the review by senior staff, we have to have our attorney review, and then at that point, we send it to the unions for a review. There is a meet and confer process there.

Councilmember Yukimura: In terms of the whole process of accreditation, what kind of timeframe are you looking now at to be accredited?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, can you tie this back to the position?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, because if accreditation is the biggest piece and it is another one (1) year or two (2) years of the job for this Legal Analyst, then maybe a contract hire? I am just trying to get a sense of what the workload is and what the length of workload is.

Mr. Contrades: Accreditation is not the only thing and...

Councilmember Yukimura: I know it is not the only thing.

Mr. Contrades: And understanding that accreditation is ongoing. Once we become accredited—I am told that is the easy part. The hard part is maintaining accreditation, which means constantly reviewing policy and changing policy. Although, I believe we can do it in the next year and a half (1.5) if we have the right assistance. It is an ongoing thing, so it is not going to stop. The policies will still have to be reviewed yearly to make sure that they are in compliance with current laws. We will need the analyst to do the research necessary to make sure that is happening, so having this initial review is not the end. It will continue on as long as we want to continue being accredited.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I would like to bring the discussion back to the table. Any discussion on this matter? Councilmember Hooser.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Hooser: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Assistant Chief. I just want to remind everybody that this is a recurring cost and the savings are one-time savings for the most part, so there is a lot of discussion about growing government and this adds a position that will be there forever, based on cuts that are primarily just one-time cuts. I have no doubt that this is a position that the Police Department can use. I do not think there were any cuts whatsoever to their budget when their budget was presented and my preference would have been at that point that there was some reallocation of resources, if not entirely, to pay for this, at least in part. So I am not going to be able to support this. I think it speaks to a bigger policy and the structuring of the County Attorney's Office and the Administration in general, in terms of everybody's needs. The fact that it is a recurring cost and the fact that we did not touch their budget at all, and the fact that taxpayers...no one talks about this...owner-occupied homes are all incurring a tax increase, eighty percent (80%) of them at least. I am not going to be able to support this. Just for the record, I have to leave in about thirty (30) minutes and will be gone for a couple of hours. It is an unavoidable situation for me. This needs five (5) votes for an add and the Committee is welcomed to continue in my absence, but that means it would have to be unanimous for everything to pass in the adds. I just wanted to let everybody know that. I am not able to support this. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Kualii'i.

Councilmember Kualii'i: I just wanted to say that I appreciate the Chair's leadership on this and hearing from the Chief and KPD, not just today, but over time. I will say that in this entire budget process, thankfully the Mayor and the Administration has heeded our call for a long time now and have come up with seven (7) or eight (8) eliminations and that in our process, we have come up with another two (2) or three (3) eliminations. Those ten (10) or so positions mean that we are eliminating that recurring cost. On the flip side, we have to be open to adding positions when they are truly needed. We are talking about one position and I can support that because I think it is important. Every budget cycle, if we can eliminate ten (10) positions for every one that we potentially have to add—I think that is going to get us to the place where we need to be eventually. Thank you. I will support this.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. I think we must remember that this was approved already once before, but it was just not implemented. This is not a new item. It is back because it never was implemented. I think when you look at the Police Department, they are a different entity; they are a different animal. They are. You guys do a lot and we said it the other day that you guys just do all of these things. The accreditation is a huge step and it is not an easy one. Beyond the accreditation, I think just the day-to-day, like I said earlier, the fact that you do not have that ability right now, you do not have that resource right now. We would be crippled here in this Council Services Office if we did not have Legal Analysts—crippled. Are they deputy county attorneys? Of course not. Would we get the same service if we had a deputy county attorney as a legal

analyst that had six (6) other departments to tend to? No, it would be different. There is also a level of confidentiality that runs in this that when I talk to our Legal Analysts, I have to make sure that I understand that they work for us and not one else. Maybe "loyalty" was not the right word, but it is the same thing. You have this ability to work with your staff and not borrow from someone else. I am not sure what the hang up is. I think as far as positions...what was your total reduction in the budget this year?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Contrades: I think if you add movement of our collective bargaining, I think it was about \$720,000 from the operating...

Council Chair Rapozo: That you had removed?

Mr. Contrades: Just the actual removal of about \$290,000.

Council Chair Rapozo: So they have cut their budget. They have reduced the budget. What do we want to do? Do we want to provide the best service right now? Again, these are changing times. Yes, the system worked with Nick there, but we have an opportunity to make it better. This attempt is...I hope I can garner the support of at least four (4) of you so we can make this happen and start the process of moving the Department where it needs to be in a much quicker time span. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Yukimura: I recognize the need for legal support. I think there are some unanswered issues yet. I would like to know how the other islands get their legal help. I am concerned a little bit about the precedence issue. If this thing did not get implemented, and I do not remember why, but if it was due to lack of administrative support, then we have to get that thing settled, too, because as we have said before on other issues we can pass it, but then it will not happen anyway. It is a major decision to add another high-level position in the County's budget and it is ongoing and forever, as we have also said about positions before. I will not be voting for this at this time, but I would be open to something coming back to us that has been worked out between the Administration and the Police Department. Also, if I can get the extra information about the other counties and their departments, I would not mind relooking at that soon.

Council Chair Rapozo: I have one question real quick for Councilmember Yukimura.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not understand the relevance of how the other counties do it. Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and Maui Police Department (MPD) have a ton of positions that we do not have. I am not asking to be like Maui, Hawai'i island, or O'ahu. I really do not care what they do, for me. The other question you had is why did it not get implemented? It was very simple; the County Attorney said it was a conflict in the Charter. She has questions and I want it answered because hopefully we can garner support. I do not think it will change her mind, but...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I do not know if she will be able to answer the question and since we brought the discussion back already, I would like to keep the discussion here and take a vote on it.

Councilmember Kualifi: I will make a statement then if I cannot ask a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You can make a statement. Council Chair, if you made a statement, I am fine with that. I do not want the questions to keep going back and forth because I know that if you make the statement, I am sure I will get the statement back and I want to try and limit the...

Council Chair Rapozo: I am done.

Councilmember Yukimura: It was not just a statement. It was a question. I would like to have the chance to answer it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You have a second time, so I will let you talk a second time, but I do not want the questions to go back and forth. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: It is okay if he goes first.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualifi.

Councilmember Kualifi: It is not a question. I did not get a chance to ask questions of the Administration, but I was listening and I believe I heard them say that as far as this amendment goes, we are not in opposition. Councilmember Yukimura—no? Did I hear wrong?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: No, I was going to say let us try not to address each other because I do not want to do the whole back and forth thing.

Councilmember Kualifi: Right. The thought to delay and wait until we know if the Administration supports it or not...I do not know if that is necessary because I believe that for this amendment, as put forward by the Chair, the Administration said they support it. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think the Administration expressed some questions about the larger policy implications and I think that has to be addressed. In terms of what other counties are doing, I think it is very important we learn what they have done and what has worked and what has not worked so that we do not go through the process of reinventing the wheel or reenacting mistakes. I think it is very worthwhile to learn. It does not mean that we will just follow "lock, stock, and barrel" whatever they have done, but I think it is part of due diligence to learn from other experiences.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do I have another chance? I do not know how many times I spoke.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think you spoke twice.

Council Chair Rapozo: I did? Okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Yes. I am pretty sure I can count the votes. I just want to remind the members that we need five (5) votes to get the add. With that, the motion on the floor is to add a new Legal Analyst, EM-05. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add new position titled "Legal Analyst, EM-05" to the Chief's Office was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST ADDITION:	Hooser, Yukimura	TOTAL – 2,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Does anybody else have another add? We are going to go around the table. I know that Council Chair Rapozo has more adds too, but I will try to spread it out. We are in operations. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Operations? I have CIP.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Any further adds to operations by the other Members? If not, I am going to go back to Council Chair. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I would like to propose \$350,000 for a Kapa'a/Kekaha skateboard park that is near a bus stop.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I just want to clarify. Is this in operations or CIP?

Councilmember Yukimura: No. I am sorry. That is CIP.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Do we have any further adds for operations from the members? Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: The one that was brought up earlier, the YWCA Family Violence Shelter.

Councilmember Kualii: I am going to recuse myself.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am sorry, KipuKai.

(Councilmember Kualii is noted as recused at 11:37 a.m.)

Council Chair Rapozo moved to add \$20,000 to YWCA-Family Violence Shelter (Total \$65,000) and add \$20,000 to YWCA-Sexual Assault Treatment Program (Total \$50,000), seconded by Councilmember Yukimura.

Council Chair Rapozo: This is really just to restore the funding. These are core services to our people. I think these programs...we talk about this every year, so I am not going to beat the dead horse. It is pretty much self-explanatory and I will leave it at that.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question for the maker.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Did we fund it last year and it was not funded this year?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion from the Members? We only have five (5) Members here, so if anyone opposes, you can say now or we will just take the vote.

Councilmember Kagawa: Discussion?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I will be supporting this because I believe that it is a direct relationship to our functions. Again, I talk about the Prosecuting Attorney's Office dealing with victims and keeping them safe, and KPD as well. So I just see a total relationship: they do us service that if we had done in-house, I think, would cost us a lot more. They do it with expertise that is needed in that area. I will be supporting this. Thank you, Chair.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think this work is very, very important. While it may be related to our work, it is also a State function and the State has been defaulting on it, but we cannot allow this to falter in terms of our services to those who need families and victims of sexual assault. So I think we need to fund it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I have not made comments yet, but I will make a quick comment on this. This line item was actually reduced in the budget, so we are basically bringing it back up to what it was. For me, we go through a lot of decisions based on, "Is this a State function? Is this a County function?" There is a lot to consider when we cut stuff or add stuff. To me, this is more of a State function, but also you look at what the impact of the money is and what the money is going towards and what it is doing. This money here goes directly towards helping families on Kaua'i that were victim to domestic violence and even children. You can see that there is a big impact. All Members have their own reason why and their own analysis on pros and cons, but I just want to say that we have other State things that we cut and State functions that we add, and I think it is just a big combination. It is not an easy cut or dry. For me, I look at what the impact of the money is. Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I just wanted to add that is also provides services for offenders as well and that is a very vital component of this whole domestic violence problem, which is the offender, and the YWCA does, with these funds, provide services for the offenders as well. Yes, the children, parents, and offenders all get treated. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? The motion on the floor is to add \$20,000 to YWCA-Family Violence Shelter (Total \$65,000) and add \$20,000 to YWCA-Sexual Assault Treatment Program (Total \$50,000). May I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add \$20,000 to YWCA-Family Violence Shelter (Total \$65,000) and add \$20,000 to YWCA-Sexual Assault Treatment Program (Total \$50,000) was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Hooser, Kagawa, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST ADDITION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	Kuali'i	TOTAL – 1,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Do we have any more adds in the Operating Budget? Can we get Councilmember Kuali'i back in?

(Councilmember Kuali'i was noted as present in the meeting at 11:41 a.m.)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: If there are no other adds, Council Chair Rapozo, we will just stick with you and you can just propose the adds.

Council Chair Rapozo: This one is Red Cross funding, basically to provide \$15,000 in extra funding. The Mayor and I have met with the Red Cross and the Mayor had graciously increased the allocation to the Red Cross. With the increased services that they have been doing—again, when you talk about direct services, this is what they do. They do direct services not only with natural disasters, but with fires and they have really assisted over the years. It is something that the County cannot provide...what they provide, the County cannot provide. I will just ask for your support.

Council Chair Rapozo moved to add \$15,000 to the American Red Cross (Total of \$45,000), seconded by Councilmember Kagawa.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Do we have any discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I just have a question. I recall from our comparison sheet that the Mayor has already added...is that what you are referring to, Chair? I am just trying to get my bearings here. In the supplemental budget, there is an addition and you are adding on top of that?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, it was reduced from the allocation last year in the budget and was brought back up in the supplemental and I am just asking for...

Councilmember Yukimura: So it was brought back in the supplemental to \$30,000?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, so we will be giving a total of \$45,000?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: This project, as well as the prior one, are all very worthwhile organizations and programs. It does pain me a little bit to be adding funds to these programs after taking away funds from the Keiki to Career program. It just does not seem right to be choosing these programs, but I am in a spot now where, "What? Am I supposed to not support this because I am going to keep from that?" So I will be supporting this, but I just wanted to say that for the record. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? If not, the motion on the floor is to add \$15,000 to American Red Cross for a total of \$45,000. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add \$15,000 to American Red Cross (Total of \$45,000) was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Hooser, Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 6,
AGAINST ADDITION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

(Councilmember Hooser is noted as excused at 11:45 a.m.)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I am going to change the strategy a little bit because I realize that this is all General Fund money and we may have some CIP projects that we may want to propose and that project may come from this money also. I will open it up, I think, to any adds in CIP or in the Operating Budget. I realize that if we go through all the Operating Budget items, we may not have an opportunity for CIP items. Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: Yes. I just have one. It is a small item contribution to the General Fund from CIP, \$30,000 for the Waimea District Ho'olokahi Program. I do not have my notes in front of me, but when we got a presentation on...I think it is called "improvement fund," where it is tied to development—all the other four (4) districts had at least a minimum of \$25,000 to \$30,000; most of them had a lot more or at least a couple of them had a lot more that would be available if we had community groups and organizations that wanted to do incredible projects like what was done in Hanama'ulu by the Hillsiders. There are probably other ways that Parks and Recreation could do this, but I just wanted, from the Council, to recognize that we see that in this pot of money, there is not any money specifically for the Waimea District. I wanted to put this forward in another way to have that available. I have produced nearly \$200,000 in cuts and I am asking for one add of \$30,000.

Councilmember Kualii moved to move \$30,000 from the General Fund - Operating Budget to the General Fund - CIP Budget and appropriate \$30,000 to a new project in the General Fund - CIP titled "Ho'olokahi Program (Waimea District)," seconded by Councilmember Kagawa.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any questions for the Councilmembers? No questions. I will open it up to discussion. Any discussion from the Councilmembers? No discussion.

Councilmember Kualii: Can I ask what happened to our sixth Councilmember?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think he had to leave, so now we are down to five (5).

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: He is excused.

Councilmember Kualii: I missed that.

Council Chair Rapozo: He left already?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I thought he said he was going to leave at 12:00 p.m. Okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: My plan is to continue going until 12:30 p.m. I do not think we should stop and go as Councilmembers come and go because I know everybody has a busy schedule, so we are just going to keep moving forward.

Councilmember Kagawa: I agree.

Councilmember Kualii: I think process-wise, it is harder to get to five (5) when you only have five (5).

Council Chair Rapozo: You have to be really nice.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: The motion on the floor is to move \$30,000 from the General Fund - Operating Budget to the General Fund - CIP Budget and appropriate \$30,000 to a new project in the General Fund - CIP titled "Ho'olokahi Program (Waimea District)." Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to move \$30,000 from the General Fund - Operating Budget to the General Fund - CIP Budget and appropriate \$30,000 to a new project in the General Fund - CIP titled "Ho'olokahi Program (Waimea District)" was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL - 5,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL - 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, did you have a CIP add?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, I do.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We will go with you next. We will go around the table.

Councilmember Yukimura moved to add new \$350,000 from General Fund to General Fund-CIP and appropriate \$350,000 for Kapa'a/Kekaha Skateboard Park (near bus stop) in the General Fund-CIP.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question. Are they ready to do that project?

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, what I know is that there has been talk about a skateboard park for many years and nothing has happened. I understand from a newspaper article about a year ago that Mr. Way had a design done, but that he was waiting for the County to find the money.

Councilmember Kagawa: I want to ask Lenny if that is okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay.

Councilmember Kagawa: Lenny, I drive there a lot and see a lot of kids, so the interest is growing. Are we ready to proceed if we put the \$350,000? Do we have the land, permits, or whatever?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rapozo: Let me give you where we are with the project. We are looking at the Kapa'a Skateboard Park. Sorry, for the record, Parks and Recreation Director, Lenny Rapozo. We have changed our focus. We need to work on a community aspect on the west side, but we also have established a relationship with the Danny Way Foundation, as you all know. The partnership and how this thing is going to work is something new for the County and Parks and Recreation. The partnership is that we, the County, will provide so many dollars of funding for materials, and they would in turn raise the other moneys. About one (1) month ago, I met with the Mayor on the current design and we looked at Kapa'a Skateboard, for number one, the use of the park or the use of the activity has already been established. Two, the Community there has established that the use is acceptable. Three, the Danny Way people, who are the skateboard experts in this field—what we have there is maybe considered somewhat of a liability, in terms of not being very functional as what we would want for the skateboard community. We looked at that. They have presented us some rendering or some drawings. I met with the Mayor. We have come to a decision. I have informed the Danny Way people of our decision, in terms of what it is going to look like, so now they are going to raise their side of the money. Realistically, it is going to be about one (1) year before we are probably going to go in terms of permitting, construction design, and their raising of their money. The \$300,000—is that what the proposal is? \$350,000? I think our County portion...we looked at \$150,000 to \$200,000 as what our proposal or our portion will be. They would have to raise, according to their calculations, about \$435,000. That is why I think we are about one (1) year away from this project to even go into construction. If the Council wants to give us that amount, I think we can cut it back for about \$200,000 to be on the safe side for our County's portion.

Councilmember Kagawa: But do we need that funding in this year's budget or can we wait?

Mr. Rapozo: I think we could wait a year. Honestly, because of the construction drawings that have to be rendered—we have the design drawings and the permitting process, and for them to also raise their fair share for this project.

Councilmember Kagawa: I am just looking at the total and "I want to play, too."

Mr. Rapozo: I understand.

Councilmember Kagawa: It did not reach me, but...

Mr. Rapozo: I think it is a realistic timetable and that is why we did not ask for those moneys in this year's proposal because we are following-up. We are going as quickly as we can in working with the Danny Way Foundation and their group.

Councilmember Kagawa: So you will let us know when you need the funding? If it is early, you can let us know through a money bill as well.

Mr. Rapozo: We can do that as well.

Councilmember Kagawa: I do not want that held up.

Mr. Rapozo: I agree.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: What is the total amount for the skateboard park that is going to be done at Kapa'a?

Mr. Rapozo: What has been estimated to us with the drawings, rendering, the County's portion will be about \$150,000 and the Danny Way Foundation is going to raise \$435,000 from what I can remember, yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: So that is \$585,000 total?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: The plans we have gotten from the City and County show that it could be done for \$350,000.

Mr. Rapozo: City and County who?

Councilmember Yukimura: City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Rapozo: Our plans are different. This is something that is going to be for Kapa'a. Excuse me, but we are not using somebody else's plan. We are doing something for Kapa'a.

Councilmember Yukimura: Could you supply the copy of those plans?

Mr. Rapozo: I can give you the copy of the design plans that have been given to us, sure.

Councilmember Yukimura: Because I was told that there is...I may be totally wrong, but there is a roof over it. Is that included?

Mr. Rapozo: That was one of the submittals to us, but I think we want it open. We have made the decision that we do not want the roof.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, because if you can get a skateboard park for \$350,000, that means you have more money to do another skateboard park on the west side.

Mr. Rapozo: Understood, but what we had envisioned what was said here is if this skateboard park has whatever features, we did not want to replicate that somewhere else. They wanted to do other features.

Councilmember Yukimura: Why?

Mr. Rapozo: Because if you wanted to skate with these features, then you go to Kapa'a. If you want to skate with these features, you go to the west side. That is part of the culture of skateboarding so that they can come together; I do not want to say competition, but the networking and coming together as a community.

Councilmember Yukimura: A lot...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I do not want to get too much into the details of what the skate park is going to look like. I think in general you are asking us to fund \$350,000 for Kapa'a/Kekaha skate parks. I would like to stick more to that, rather than what the details of the skate park is going to look like because I think if this gets in, through the process we will know what it will look like and we will have our input there. I think with it not even in the budget, it is not a good time for us to hash out the details.

Councilmember Yukimura: I only ask this because I want to be sure that there is a clear plan that will enable us to have skateboard parks for all parts of the island. I know we cannot do it all at once, but when we have a standardized design, then we do not have to go through a redesign process and we can get it done for less money and reach more kids. That is just my concern. I am open to hearing from... I am sure that there is a basic footprint, and then different changes can be made. There a certain amount of equality that we have to think about, too, from district to district, and then there are speeds. Some of the kids that I started working with on this issue...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, do you have a question?

Councilmember Yukimura: I am responding to your concern about my questions. They have graduated from high school and they are already off-island. This issue has been languishing for years and I would like to see some progress on it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions for Parks? If not, I will bring the meeting back to order. Any discussion?

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Yukimura: If we feel we can do with \$150,000, I am willing to amend it, but I want some accountability that something is going to be done on the skateboard parks for our island.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I fully support improving the skateboard park that we have and making it into a better facility. West side has been also...we have gotten E-mails from them about what is happening and it seems that according to Lenny's response, it is still premature that we are not ready to fund or to match and should that come earlier, I got assurance from him that we can come up with a money bill where we could get all of the detail. Therefore, although I support the project as soon as possible, I will not be supporting this because we do not have much left. I want to see us end up with at least worst case scenario, a zero balance, so I do not want to eat up moneys from what we have now when Parks is obviously not ready to move forward with it. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Members, I apologize, but I need a second for this motion.

Councilmember Kagawa seconded the motion to add new \$350,000 from General Fund to General Fund-CIP and appropriate \$350,000 for Kapa'a/Kekaha Skateboard Park (near bus stop) in the General Fund-CIP.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: One way we can address Councilmember Kagawa's stated problem is that we could raise the golf course revenues to \$150,000, which is \$400 a day, and we could give our kids a skateboard park. So that is another way to do it. Anyway, we need to get a skateboard park for our kids. It has been over ten (10) years that we have been talking about it and that is why I think we need to put this money in the budget.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have a nice skateboard park in Kilauea right now by the mini golf. I was quite impressed with what they built out there. Again, as we look at needs and what can wait—I agree. I would like to give them a swimming pool on the west side, too, but we just do not have the funds, so I will not be supporting this.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? If not, the motion on the floor is to add new project to General Fund-CIP for \$350,000 for Kapa'a/Kekaha skateboard park near bus stop. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add new \$350,000 from General Fund to General Fund-CIP and appropriate \$350,000 for Kapa'a/Kekaha Skateboard Park (near bus stop) in the General Fund-CIP was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Yukimura	TOTAL – 1,
AGAINST MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. I actually offset what I actually proposed. The two (2) positions that I cut from Buildings for the Plumber and the Code Enforcement Officer totaled \$104,181.

Councilmember Kagawa moved to contribute \$104,181 from the General Fund to the General Fund - CIP and appropriate \$104,181 for Host Community Benefits - Kekaha in the General Fund – CIP, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: My reasoning for adding it is obvious. We have just announced in recent months that we expect the landfill now to not last only six and a half (6.5) years, but more like twelve and a half (12.5) years. As a born and raised resident of the west side, I am a little disappointed by that announcement. The west side people have continuously told me that they thought that we were done a long time ago in closing that landfill and it should not have been that big and that high. I think we should try and fund whatever we can financially to give them what they need to do what they feel is fair compensation for hosting the landfill. Their request to me was \$2,000,000 to complete...that would fund one hundred percent (100%) of the targeted homes in Kekaha with solar panels, and that is the direction the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) went with. They did about one-third of the houses in Kekaha with the longest residency on the priority list. We are not privy to change the direction of the group. I think it was established by the County. Instead of \$500,000 that I originally wanted to propose if I had gotten my cut to the OPEB, I now have just changed it to the amount that I have actually cut, thanks to the support of you, on the Council, which I thank. I want to add to the Host Community Benefits line item. I feel that we just, again, announced six (6) more years to that landfill and I think when they hear that news, they will be even more outraged, but at least this is just a small token of our appreciation to them. Thank you, Chair.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion from the Members? Do you have questions?

Councilmember Yukimura: I am not sure. I have something...okay. I do have a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: The Host Community Benefits has a formula as I understand it and they get a portion every year, so the extension of the landfill operations means that they are going to have more money every year, and if we are going to give money up over and above that, above the defined nexus, it is not a host community benefit, it is a simple CIP. If that is the case and we are going to give that to Kekaha, then every other community deserves that. Every other community could use solar panels. I have been very proud of how they use the Host Community Benefits process to give solar water heating and photovoltaic...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, I do not want to stop you on your train of thought, but this sounds more like a discussion than a question. If you have a question, I would like you to ask it real quick, but I think if we have a long discussion with a question at the end, then this can go back and forth for a while. It sounds more like a discussion.

Councilmember Yukimura: My question is how does this fit the Host Community Benefits formula?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Is this for the Administration?

Councilmember Yukimura: It is for Council Vice Chair.

Councilmember Kagawa: Well, let me tell you. The Host Community Benefits...the direction of going with solar panels, one of the key dates is 2017 because that is when the tax credits will expire. They merely came with a request for additional moneys. If you think they do not deserve it, then I will give you their phone numbers and you can tell them that they do not deserve it, but I believe they deserve it. I do not think every other community has a landfill in their backyard and the residents of Kekaha do. I think it is a shame that we have had to go with so many extensions and whatever, but landfills all over are criticized. Look at the City and County. It is not an easy problem, nor does anybody want that in their backyard. One could say, "Well, they get \$187,000 a year. Take it and be happy with it. That is fair." That is in the eyes of the beholder of whether that is fair. I do not. I just think we vote it up or down. Like I said, I have done my due diligence in getting a successful cut in this amount. I think this is the Council's budget. This is the Council's turn to add what we think is missing in the Mayor's budget. Not seeing any more additions to the request of the Kekaha Host Community Benefits' concerns—in the Mayor's Supplemental Budget, I think it is my duty to respond with an amount. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I will open it up for discussion. Any further discussion? Councilmember Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Thank you, Council Vice Chair. True, the formula is set, but for some of us that were here back when the Host Community Benefits started, the attempt at that point was to fund that fund with \$1,000,000, because we believed that the community of Kekaha had been suffering from the placement of this landfill decades prior. That eventually got whittled down to, I believe, \$650,000 and from that point the Administration came up with a formula based on tipping fees. Some of us would believe that that formula is not sufficient. To get \$80,000 or \$100,000 a year—remember, this community was assured many times that that landfill was going to close. In fact, the last time they were here for a vertical expansion, this Council told the Administration that this will be the last vertical expansion. That is not true. I do not say we lied to them, but we are not holding our word. Here we go again—Kekaha will be tasked with another decade or so...we all know...if you look at this realistically, you know that we are not going to build a landfill in the next twelve (12) years. You know that we are not going to have a solution for that community in the next twelve (12) years. They are going to be stuck with that landfill, including the post-closure of that landfill. Do I believe that they deserve it? I definitely believe that the Kekaha community deserves much more for their Host Community Benefit. We are limited by available funds, but I believe that this is warranted and I will support it. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: The irony or actually the justice is the fact that it is going to be open longer, which means that they will be getting more money longer. So, the formula is working. This a CIP that is extra and no other community is getting the \$650,000 or whatever it is over the year than Kekaha and that is because of the landfill and that formula will continue working until the landfill closes. That is already happening. To give this extra money to one community and not to other communities is not fair, especially if we have a very tight budget. I just proposed that we give back \$350,000 to Kekaha for a skateboard park, so that is another way to do it.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: No other community is getting the money because no other community has a landfill. Do you know what the purpose of a Host Community Benefit is? It is not a reward. The Host Community Benefit, and believe me—I did a lot of research back when we started this thing—you want it to get to a point where the communities want the sewer treatment plant or the landfill because with it comes a financial benefit so they can improve the community. That is what it is for. You want to get to a point where the Host Community Benefit is to a point where the communities are not trying to say, “Not in my backyard.” If we take this public nuisance, we will create a revenue stream for our communities where we can make better parks, swimming pools, solar, photovoltaic, or whatever the choice is. That is the Host Community Benefit. It is not a token donation, “Here. This is for living with this for the last fifty (50) years. Here is \$80,000. Go spend it.” No, it is an incentive for communities to not be so objectionable to having these things placed in their community. That is what it is for. Again, I think we know where this is going.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion on this item?
Councilmember Yukimura. This is your second time.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. They are getting that money. They are getting \$180,000 every year, and they are, to their credit, really using it well. I think they are at a point that they would like to see the money continuing, so I think we have addressed their needs, and not the needs of all of the things that they want for the community, but we have not addressed all of the needs that other communities have either. We have a whole island to represent. They have the particular burden of being by the landfill and we want to offset that, and I think we have done that with the present allocation of \$180,000 a year. It was more before and it varies according to how much goes into the landfill. There is a nexus; there is a relationship. We are addressing that.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I just want to say that I am in support for two reasons: number one, I believe it has been underfunded from its original intent and I also believe that for many years prior to this even starting, the community was already having to have the landfill in their backyard and having to deal with all of the negative impacts. So yes, I think part of the reason is that we cannot afford to really make this Host Community Benefit what it should be, but this is a small amount to go towards having underfunded it for many years and having not even put anything for years prior to that. That is how I see it. Thank you.

Councilmember Yukimura: Any further discussion from the Members? If not, the motion on floor is to contribute \$104,181 from the General Fund to the General Fund – CIP and appropriate \$104,181 for Host Community Benefits Kekaha to General Fund – CIP. Can I have a roll call vote?

The motion to contribute \$104,181 from the General Fund to the General Fund - CIP and appropriate \$104,181 for Host Community Benefits - Kekaha in the General Fund – CIP was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST MOTION:	Yukimura	TOTAL – 1,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: This one here, if you look at the salary adjustment, this is actually...I do not know what you call it..."housekeeping," but anyway, we needed to create this line with a \$25,000 dollar funding level because I know of least one salary adjustment that needs to be made from one of the personnel that basically satisfies the conditions of employment—we can have that discussion later, but was not fulfilled. So we just need to make this right. That is where the money will go and come from. Whether we do it through this thing or we do a money bill—I do not know. I just thought that this was the most appropriate way to get it done. If you have an issue, we can chat on the break and I can explain it to you. I do believe it is a personnel matter, so I would not want to discuss that out in the public.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion from the Members? Can I get a motion and a second?

Council Chair Rapozo moved to add \$25,000 to Salaries/Adjustments line item, seconded by Councilmember Yukimura, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST ADDITION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We will continue to go around in a circle. Councilmember Kualii, do you have any adds? Councilmember Yukimura?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. While we are on Council Services...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Again, I would prioritize it because the money is going down and I want to mention again that we do not need to spend all of this money or add all of this money. What we do not spend or add to is going to go into the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is kind of like our "reserve/buffer fund," which is also a good thing. I will take your top priorities, not necessarily by divisions. That is just my suggestion.

Councilmember Yukimura: Can it be either CIP or the General Fund?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Yes, anything.

Councilmember Yukimura moved to add \$75,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance (Special Trust Fund for Parks & Playgrounds) for a grant to Kaua'i Path for a one-to-one match for planning of the Kilauea/Princeville Multi-Use Path and Mobility Plan.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a motion and a second?

Council Chair Rapozo: Was that a motion?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a second?

Council Chair Rapozo: I will second for discussion.

Council Chair Rapozo seconded the motion to add \$75,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance (Special Trust Fund for Parks & Playgrounds) for a grant to Kaua'i Path for a one-to-one match for planning of the Kilauea/Princeville Multi-Use Path and Mobility Plan.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: This is the Unassigned Balance for the Special Trust Fund in Parks and Recreation. It is in the Hanalei District. It would contribute towards a development of a multi-use path between Kilauea, Princeville, and Hanalei and it would be designated for Kaua'i Path, which is a nonprofit that helped to build the Ke Ala Hele Makalae. It would basically allow for us to continue...we recently approved a path for multi-use in Hanapēpē and also one between Waimea and Kekaha, and now it would also allow one on the North Shore. This would be for the planning/design phase. These are moneys that are from the Unassigned Fund Balance, so there is no use for these moneys. We are not taking away from any project.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion from the Members? Questions? No discussion or questions? The motion on the floor is to grant to Kaua'i Path for a one-to-one match for the planning of the Kilauea/Princeville Multi-Use Path and Mobility Plan, \$75,000. Can I get a roll call vote?

The motion to add \$75,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance (Special Trust Fund for Parks & Playgrounds) for a grant to Kaua'i Path for a one-to-one match for planning of the Kilauea/Princeville Multi-Use Path and Mobility Plan was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Yukimura	TOTAL – 1,
AGAINST ADDITION:	Kagawa, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 3,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	Kuali'i	TOTAL – 1.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa, do you have any more adds?

Councilmember Kagawa: No.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, I do. I have never had this many adds in all of my times on the Council, right Nadine? I gave all of mine to her. I am not batting a very good average today anyway, so what the heck? I actually have three more. I am going to propose one and have some discussion on the other two because I just do not see the numbers panning out. We talk about our *keiki* and all of that and I am looking at the Life's Choices community mini grants and there are a lot of organizations in looking for opportunities to provide some programs or services that fall in line with Life's Choices' programs. I will make the disclosure that I have not spoken to the Life's Choices Coordinator. This is something that I believe...we have in the budget right now, \$10,000, but if you are involved in any community organization, you know how quick \$10,000 goes

on mini grants. I would like to see that up. I have it proposed at \$30,000. Obviously, I would be open to discussion, but when we talk about the drug problems on the island and all of the issues that involve our *keiki*, we do not have any direct...I do not see the funding—\$10,000 is not enough for direct funding for our kids. When I talk about direct services, I am talking about an opportunity for an organization to put on a life skills clinic, arts clinic, or sporting clinic and there is none of that. Yet, we have so many community members out here today that have gone down the wrong road, corrected their life, came back, and have so much to offer; much more than a master's degree in Psychology major, council chair, councilmember, or a mayor. Somebody that has been down that road. These mini grants allow nonprofits to bring them in, have them in an environment where they can provide some snacks, and whatever the case may be. "Mini grants"—that is what this is. I want to really fund that program. I would love to see more, but it is a little bit more and at least it gives that office an opportunity to explore some options, as far as getting some direct services to our youth. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a motion?

Council Chair Rapozo moved to add \$30,000 to the Office of the Mayor, Special Projects for Life's Choices Programs, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have a question for understanding of the proposal. I certainly share Council Chair's desire to prevent and treat drugs and drug problems. I think one of the things that we have done—we had \$1,000,000 from the Legislature...actually from Congress, from Senator Inouye. We spent it all, but we do not know what the results are, so I just want to ask the Chair how we would assess the use of these moneys to make sure that we are getting the results that we all want.

Council Chair Rapozo: For me, it is really simple. Over the years, I have seen what that Office has done; I have seen what the Administration has done; and I have seen what the program has done. I was not keen with the change of the name of the program, but I got over it. I have seen what that program and what that Office has done. I have seen enough, where there is a level of trust that I believe she would use those moneys appropriately. That is how I justify it. The first year and second year was kind of...but I have seen the design and the motivation that Theresa has. She just does not have the tools and the resources. Again, everybody is so afraid when I talk about employees because they think that the Administration is going to say, "You guys ran to the Council." She did not talk to me once and I need you to understand that because I do not want this to get back to her. This is something that I see. I am out there a lot. I am at the functions. This is just one line item that I believe will go a very long way. Not every program has a measure that you get a tangible measurement. That is where I think we lose a lot of kids because programs today are geared to these measurables where we have to be able to document. I was a coach for football for many years. I have been part of youth sports for many years. When you get a football celebrity, baseball celebrity, or a musician that comes to speak to the kids, there is no way you are going to know what the impact was. There is no test that you are going to give the kid five (5) years from now and ask, "Did that talk with 'so-and-so' impact your life." I can tell you this: I have been around kids long enough to know that when that happens, it does impact the kids in the way they act, in the way they think, and in the way that they perform. That is for me...if I had any question about how that Office was being run, I would never propose this. The proof is in the pudding and I want to give them a little bit more pudding. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions or discussion? If there are no further questions or discussions, the motion on the floor is to add \$30,000 for Life's Choices programs. Can I have a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add \$30,000 to the Office of the Mayor, Special Projects for Life's Choices Programs was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST ADDITION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Do we have any other adds from any of the Councilmembers? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, this is for the Office of the County Clerk Council Services and it is a total of \$7,700. Basically, one is to pay for the Council's certificates that we present to various organizations. Right now, they are paid for personally by Councilmembers, which is to me, pretty unusual because this is an official Council act. But more importantly, I feel it is a really important job for councils and mayors to acknowledge good things that are going on in our community and it is, in fact, an official part of our job. It has a limit of three (3) Council certificates per month, per Councilmember and after that it become a personal expense. I really think it is part of our Council job and we need to pay for that. It also adds \$5,000 for the Affordable Housing Task Force to be used for a...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, are you doing them together or are you doing it separate?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, I am doing it together.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do you have a motion for the certificates?

Councilmember Yukimura: No.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, let us do one at a time.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, I will do it separately. We will go with the certificates first.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay.

Councilmember Yukimura moved to add \$2,772 to the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division for Council Certificates. Level Text: "Three (3) Framed Certificates per month per Councilmember." Anything above this amount to be paid by the Councilmember, seconded by Council Chair Rapozo.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I thank you for this addition or consideration of this addition. My question is, are these three (3)—it is framed? Okay, because as we go out, I wanted to make sure that was the case because as we go out, the Mayor, the House of

Representatives, and Senator Kouchi has these nice framed ones and we come with the paper. We can use at our discretion. Even Dee said, "Why is yours in a paper?" I said, "We pay for it, so it adds up." She said, "Why do you guys not have it in your budget?" So I am going to take her advice on this and support you. Thank you for that amendment. I think three (3) per Councilmember is reasonable. Mel, we do some with fifty (50) one crack with the football teams and stuff.

Council Chair Rapozo: I just got my bill.

Councilmember Kagawa: So I will support you.

Councilmember Yukimura: If you want to add more money you can, but I would like to at least start there. It is pretty incredible that the Council does not already fund this.

Councilmember Kagawa: I am fine with this request. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion from the Members?
Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you, Councilmember Yukimura. I think for the public, and I would assume for the Mayor's Office, too, is that these things come in many times as requests from the community. Yes, the Councilmembers obviously will sponsor some on their own, but many of them come from the community or from the organization. I agree. I think my bill is almost \$200 for the last go around. I am not complaining, but many of those came as a request from an organization that wanted to be recognized or wanted their athlete, student, or their band recognized. When you get the football team or the band and there are forty (40) of them, it adds up. I think it is also a very reasonable expense. I also appreciate the limit of three (3) because I think, as Ross said, that provides the Councilmembers with discretion that anything beyond three (3) you pay. I think that is very fair and I think it is very important when we do the recognitions here on camera for the youth, the *kūpuna*, and everybody that we recognize. Thank you very much, Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: You are welcome.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion from the Members? The motion on the floor is to add \$2,772 for Council Certificates. Level Text: Three (3) framed certificates per month, per Councilmember (\$252 total times \$11 each.) Anything above this amount is to be paid by the Councilmember. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add \$2,772 to the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division for Council Certificates. Level Text: "Three (3) Framed Certificates per month per Councilmember." Anything above this amount to be paid by the Councilmember was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Kagawa, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST ADDITION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	Kuali'i	TOTAL – 1.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further adds? I think we are still going around in a circle. Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I spoke about it early on about the staffing audits and performance audits. These are not cheap. What are we at now? We all know the situation at our Auditor's Office. We are actively pursuing the filling of that vacancy. It is going to take some time, and then it is going to take some time for the Auditor to get acclimated and get his or her staff in place. In the meantime, we, the Council, have no mechanism to conduct audits. Yet, it is our Charter function. Yes, we can do a 3.17 Investigation, but that is quite detailed and lengthy. I have this broken down as staffing audits. I think we heard a lot over the last two (2) days about positions. I have to commend Councilmember Kuali'i for his analysis of those sheets and of course HR for providing those sheets in a way that laypeople like us can understand. Thank you very much. What we saw was a lot of questions and concerns about staffing. We saw a lot of questions and concerns about performance. An absent Auditor's Office and no funding, this body absolutely has no ability to do our function. I want to have that discussion because if there is no interest, then we should not waste our time. I did put in or propose a \$200,000 line item for the performance audits and \$100,000 for staffing audits. In the old days, we had \$400,000 in our budget for audits. We already used it, but I think we have a more aggressive or more responsive Council now that I think we would use it. We do not have the funding. Without the funding, we do not have the ability to conduct any audits. We could do it separately. I could put it together and do a \$300,000 line item, have a discussion of what you guys think is a fair number, and we can put it in.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think I can make this really quick because we need five (5) votes to pass it and I know the importance of it, but I just do not think we have the money available right now.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. That ends that one.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kuali'i.

Councilmember Kuali'i: I was just going to ask a process question about a lunch break versus trying to get through this.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We are not going to take lunch—just kidding.

Councilmember Kuali'i: I have two (2) provisos that are going to take some time. We each have three (3) to five (5) minutes to make closing statements.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think we have one more add from Councilmember Yukimura. Two (2) more adds? What time are we at? Everybody is hungry. Okay, we will take lunch and come back at 1:35 p.m. We will take the two (2) adds, and then we will get into the provisos.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 12:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m., and proceeded as follows:

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Welcome back. We are going to start where we left off. We are still on any additions and I think Councilmember Yukimura may have had two (2) more additions. Councilmember Yukimura, what is your first addition?

Councilmember Yukimura moved to add \$5,000 for the Affordable Housing Task Force, to be used for bus tours of affordable housing projects and Affordable Housing Task Force Committee Meetings, seconded by Councilmember Kuali'i.

Councilmember Yukimura: As you may or may not know, we have an Affordable Housing Task Force that has very diverse representations and includes people like Ellen Ching; Paul Kyno; Cliff Kukino, who is a realtor; Sean Mahoney, from the Carpenters; Steven Spears, Habitat; Tom Shigemoto; Karen Ono; and others. We have been going over our housing policy—first of all, educating ourselves, and then looking at our housing policies to see if there are changes that we would like to propose to the Council. We did early on, at the very beginning of our work, we did an islandwide tour of the housing projects; State, County, and nonprofit; both sides. It was a two (2) day tour: one going from Līhu‘e to North Shore and one from Līhu‘e to the west side. I am anticipating that in the next few months, we are going to have recommendations, but I would like to ask the Council to do this tour to educate ourselves on housing. It was very, very instructive. We stopped at various places and talked to people in the housing projects. We got to see them. This would money to do that. We also have Ken Rainforth. On the bus, because we pay for a bus, we had discussions between our stops about the housing policy, and we had Ken Rainforth, who is a trove of history of affordable housing on the island. Our attempt was to learn from the past, learn from what we have done, what has worked and what has worked, and how to formulate policy that goes into the future. That is what these moneys would be for in our budget for some time, probably before the end of this year.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion or questions on this item?

Council Chair Rapozo: I have a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: What is the \$5,000 for? Is it to rent a bus?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, for two (2) days.

Council Chair Rapozo: Why would we not use our County bus?

Councilmember Yukimura: Because our County bus is not available for these kinds of tours?

Council Chair Rapozo: They better be available for these types of tours.

Councilmember Yukimura: No, because if you just have the Mayor and the Council asking them to do all of these things, and do not pay for it, that is another drag on our bus system. I do not even know if we have enough capacity right now in our busses for the tour.

Council Chair Rapozo: Our busses have been used for numerous...

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, and I have talked to our Transportation Agency and it does not work when we keep pulling them off the line because they are already at capacity for doing the daily work that has to be done.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions?

Council Chair Rapozo: I am done.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I will open it up for discussion if anybody wants a discussion. Any discussion?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I will make a quick comment that is part of my discussion and it is not a question. If the Councilmembers are invited on a tour like this and we are able to coordinate it—I know that we do have a Council Services vehicle that we could use. I know the dialogue is important also when you are sitting on a bus, but I think I would rather save the money and use our vehicle, and have the dialogue at the locations or maybe a presentation prior to the visit where we could think about our questions for each location and do it that way, rather than spend money on a bus for us to go around on a housing tour.

Councilmember Yukimura: May I answer?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: It is not a question, so if you want to make a statement or as part of your discussion, you have five (5) minutes to be a part of the discussion. I did not ask a question. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: It is really bad when you subject our back and forth dialogue to limits and number of times, but to cover the ground that we had to cover was a very tight thing. We had so many places to see and so the time in the bus was very valuable for having the conversation. It is not just the Councilmembers alone; it is the task force and if we do...it is going to be members of the public. We need a large bus and we need that time. It is good use of the time to talk while you are *en route* from place-to-place. You can ask questions and still be traveling to the next site. It works better that way. It is a better use of time and money.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion from the Members? If not, the motion on the floor is to add \$5,000 for Affordable Housing Task Force to be used for bus tours of available housing projects and Affordable Housing Task Force Committee Meetings. Can I have a roll call vote?

Councilmember Yukimura: May I say one more thing?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: This will be your second time.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. Thank you. A lot of times, we make decisions without good information and this is really one way to inform ourselves so that we can make good decisions.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am making my decision for this item with information and I believe that our Transportation Agency could provide us with the bus if we needed the bus. I find it hard to believe that if we send over a communication asking the Transportation Agency to provide us with buses for a one (1) day tour, I cannot imagine that they would say no. I just cannot. Celia, you are there, but I do not want to call you up because I do not want to have you up here for twenty (20) minutes, but I cannot imagine...the bus has been very, very responsive whenever the Council has requested or whenever the Mayor has requested. You guys have been very cooperative and I do not see that changing anytime soon. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: The motion on the floor is to add \$5,000 for Affordable Housing Task Force to be used for bus tours of affordable housing projects and Affordable Housing Task Force Committee Meetings. Can I have a roll call vote, please?

The motion to add \$5,000 for the Affordable Housing Task Force. To be used for bus tours of affordable housing projects and Affordable Housing Task Force Committee Meetings was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR ADDITION:	Yukimura	TOTAL – 1,
AGAINST ADDITION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 4,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, do you have another add?

Councilmember Yukimura moved to contribute \$10,000 from the General Fund to General Fund - CIP and appropriate \$10,000 for Ho'olokahi Program (Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Historic County Building), seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: This is to do benches and tables for the front of the Historic County Building.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any questions? Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question for Keith. I was just wondering if you received a request for... Councilmember Kualii added \$30,000 earlier to the Waimea District, leaving it open, but this one already seems to already specify the Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce to do benches for the Historic County Building, so I was wondering if you heard anything about this project.

Mr. Suga: To-date, I have not.

Councilmember Kagawa: Do you support this addition?

Mr. Suga: Keith Suga, County CIP Manager. Is this being put into the General Fund – CIP?

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes. I am wondering if we should we work with the Administration first or with you to make sure that the project is, I guess, beneficial to the County and that you vetted the groups before we just specify that, "Okay, this is for you and only you."

Mr. Suga: I think perhaps there may be opportunities to possibly incorporate some of this in some of the other projects in the area, whether it would be through Complete Streets. There may be some other mechanism that could add-in this type of community involvement, possibly.

Councilmember Kagawa: So you are not sure about this particular project?

Mr. Suga: Correct.

Councilmember Kagawa: I do not know if this is a question for Councilmember Yukimura, but I am kind of concerned that if we make more benches, we

might encourage more homeless to sleep on the grounds or campout. I do not know. It seems that they are the only ones who really use the picnic benches now.

Mr. Suga: Possibly, yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I just wanted to...I think maybe if Lenny was here, he would have clarification for us, but he is not. My only reasoning for having proposed that \$30,000 earlier in the Waimea District was that they did not have a pot of funds to work with, but all the other four (4) districts, Kawaihau, Kōloa, Līhu'e, and Waimea have funding. I think Līhu'e has a park improvement grant for Ho'olokahi or another grant that maybe Lenny would work through his Department for \$28,000 already.

Mr. Suga: That could be a possibility also.

Councilmember Kualii: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, did you have any other questions?

Councilmember Yukimura: No, but I do see a Līhu'e Park Improvement Equipment Fund, so we could maybe just take it from there instead of from the General Fund if I can amend my motion.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: From my understanding, there are funds available in every district and the west side did not have any funds or had very small funds so that is why prior we added money to the west side for this type of project. Currently, Līhu'e has the money available and I am not sure what they have to do to get it, but it would be similar to what the Hanamā'ulu guys did, as far as building their pavilion at the softball field.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. I will withdraw the motion and advise the Chamber to go that route.

Councilmember Yukimura withdrew her motion to contribute \$10,000 from General Fund to General Fund - CIP and appropriate \$10,000 for Ho'olokahi Program (Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Historic County Building), Councilmember Kualii withdrew his second.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further adds? If not, we are going to move on to amendments to the Budget Provisos. Do we have any amendments to the Budget Provisos? Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii moved to amend Section 19 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilmember Kualii: My first proviso proposal is with Section 19, as distributed, coming now. We have a proposal that seeks quarterly reports from the Administration and it already covers several details, and this is just adding a few more details. So the added detail, with regards to positions; all of our countywide positions adds in the description of the position having not only the number and position title and salary rating, but also the salary step and the last salary paid. Then the last part of that regarding the vacancy report is the current status of recruitment, so in the final column of

the report, if you saw it before, it asks for status, but there was hardly any real detail in there. This proviso spells out the type of detail we are talking about and it is the actual position posting status, application status, interview selection status, interview schedule status, and job offer status. If this report is being updated every quarter, we should be able to see how it is being updated, because it is a quarterly update report. The last piece on that vacancy report was the justification for the vacancy, whether somebody retires, if somebody was promoted, or any other reason. That covered vacancies on those reports. There is also a report for new hires. If you flip the page over, the bottom section is very similar. It is the same information for the new hire report, except now the justification is “position has been vacant since,” so you now have a new hire filling; “new position created on”; and “position reallocated on.” It talks about re-describing positions and reallocating positions. This is to get that information right there in the report. The last piece are transfers, reallocations, promotions, and elimination of positions or dollar-funded positions. The the first four (4) or five (5) roman numerals are already there and the add is to “add the previous salary step and current and/or amended salary step,” and then also the justification for all transfers, reallocations, etcetera. It is just adding more details to the report.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Can I get a second?

Councilmember Kagawa seconded the motion to amend Section 19 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilmember Kualii: The only last thing I would say is that I have been, for several weeks, doing deep and thorough analysis of the vacancy reports and the new hire and other reports, and have had to go back and forth requesting more details. I could make meaningful, thoughtful decisions that was not asking to delete a position, but really is justified to remain open and vacant, whether it was under recruitment or soon to be under recruitment. So seeing the proposals that I have made and that were relatively modest, it was only after I had to go back and forth to get this basic information, that I am saying it should be part of the process.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any questions? Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Could we ask the Administration since they will be heavily impacted by this? I know they have just gotten to see it, but if they have some initial response or reaction, I think we should hear it.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Ms. Nakamura: Nadine Nakamura, Managing Director.

Mr. Trask: Mauna Kea Trask, County Attorney.

JANINE M. Z. RAPOZO, Director of Human Resources: Janine Rapozo,
Director of Human Resources.

Ms. Nakamura: We have started getting some of this information to the Council, so this is just taking it to a much more detailed level. Now, it is a lot of information and I am wondering whether it is necessary throughout the year when we are going through the process of making these changes. During the budget period, yes—the level of information...some of it was helpful, I think, in talking to Councilmember Kualii to understand where we are with very specific positions. I am just wondering how useful that information throughout the entire year is because it is good information to have, but maybe

our County Attorney and our Director of Human Resources may have some additional feedback. Sorry, this is the first time we are looking at it.

Mr. Trask: So the cite referenced is under the authority of the Managing Director, “The Managing Director shall under the Charter attend meetings of the Council and its Committees upon request and provide informational/reports as they may require.” It is a legal cite; it is a good cite. However, I always maintain as the County Attorney’s position regarding the separation of powers and the branches of government, it is not designed so as to turn the legislative body against the administrative body; it is actually designed so that the legislative body can focus on legislating and the administrative body can focus on executive powers and administration. The request can be made, but we do ask that you understand the context and the workload that the Managing Director and all the departments have to handle. It is very difficult to have so many questions and to have so many masters. I know that even myself, I get lost in the requests that I make of my deputies and we have to be cognizant of that because it is a lot. I think their appropriate committee chairs can do what they can do and make those requests, and you really should listen to what the Managing Director has to say about...beyond legal—this is just practical workload and the difficulty to do these reports and all reports. Even the requests we get can be exhausted and exhausting.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: Managing Director Nakamura, I did hear your possible concern and I would say that yes, so you have the experience of putting them together for me most recently. For the vacancy report, especially, which is the one that has the most work involved probably, because I am asking by this proposal for a clear, current status of where the recruitment is at. I am trying to deal with the fact that we have had some vacancies that were eight hundred (800) days, one thousand (1,000) days, or seven hundred (700) days. We are talking about one (1) year or two (2) and it is fine when it is dollar-funded because there is no budget involved, but when there were moneys involved. You know what I am trying to get at and that is why this is critically important, but I can accept that for the vacancy report, it is not necessary every quarter, but it would probably be needed at least twice a year, so maybe once in September and once in January. The only difference beyond what is already being provided—the simple things like the position number and title, salary rating, and salary step—those are givens. That is assigned to a position, so it is in some computer report already. I feel like anytime I look at a report from the Administration about a position, it should automatically have that information.

Ms. Nakamura: Do you mean September 30th and March 31st, which would be the closest one to the budget? You said January, but I do not see that listed here.

Councilmember Kualii: I just picked two (2) dates in the year because in my next proviso you will see—I know you have your period to do the...

Ms. Nakamura: For the Section 19 one, September 30th...then it is September 31st, December 31st, March 31st, or June 30th?

Councilmember Kualii: I think to do an in-depth analysis prior to the budget, March 31st, might be too late.

Ms. Nakamura: Okay.

Councilmember Kualii: Maybe I should look over to staff. Scott?

Mr. Trask: Also, just to add briefly, in looking over some of the details, which are requested to be in the report, I just want to say at this time that I have not reviewed it specifically in total, but because it is personnel-related matters, they are subject to the Collective Bargaining Agreement confidentiality statuses or statutes related to that as well. So I will just put that qualification on the record.

Councilmember Kualii: It is just a status update with no details and it is for our information and use, not for the public.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I presume that all of this would be public record, but what I hear you saying, County Attorney Trask, is that there may be some of this on this list that might not be public record.

Mr. Trask: It is possible, correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: So we can handle it one of two ways: one, it is all labeled "confidential" so that it is not made available to the public or we take out the requirements for confidential information and not include it on this list.

Ms. Nakamura: We would need to spend some time to look through this, to go through that review. If you could give us that time, then we can...

Council Chair Rapozo: I have a question because it is vital to this discussion. What makes this confidential?

Mr. Trask: Generally, with these personnel matters, you always have to be cognizant of personal privacy.

Council Chair Rapozo: There are no names. My God—this is in the budget. There is the position number and salary in the budget. There is nothing personal.

Councilmember Kualii: The bulk of what was added is the current status of recruitment. Look at roman numeral X: "position posting status; position posted by date, position posted on date; position posting closed on date; application status; application reviewed by date or applications reviewed on date; interview selection status; applicants for review selected or applicants for interview selected on; and interviews scheduled." It is just status.

Mr. Trask: I just wanted to give a general qualification just to be clear. It is for public record that we are not going to divulge those matters that are appropriately confidential that should not be divulged. I am not trying to...

Council Chair Rapozo: I guess I am trying to say that there is nothing in this proviso that comes close to personal information.

Mr. Trask: I think that is a statement that can be made on the record. For myself, I just have a more degree of comfort just to fault on safety and stay with that qualification. It will be reviewed.

Council Chair Rapozo: I will save my comments for the comments.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I have a question. Again, as far as the workload...I guess this question—never mind. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have one.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: “I like play, too.” Maybe I can help this whole situation. I personally do not look at all of the vacancy review reports, but I do look at the last one... I mean the one that I can use...the most recent one that I can use once we start budget proceedings. So would it be okay to provide one that shows all of this so that I can use it during the budget? Then we can have the more, I guess, the one that you had in the past, the more general one for the other dates since we are going quarterly? Like Mauna Kea said, if some things are confidential then you leave it off.

Ms. Rapozo: These reports are sometimes changing by the day, so I would think that it was more important to have things closer to the budget dates because prior to that, the budget really cannot change, so we cannot eliminate positions or dollar-fund anything in the budget year. The earlier reports are given to you, but that is just it. It is just a report. But closer to the budget dates, I would think you would want that information, so I did provide that, I believe March 24th, and then there was another one that you folks wanted at the May submittal time, so we did that. As you could see, it changed even from then because people are being hired and people are leaving. I would be more inclined to say, “Why do you guys not look at the dates as to when do you really want to see this information that you can use,” because in the early months, I do not see the need for it.

Councilmember Kagawa: Well, since it is quarterly, I would think that the March 31st would be...

Ms. Rapozo: Right, but you folks even asked for it earlier this year; earlier than March 31st, because you folks started hearings on the 23rd or 24th, and you wanted it prior to that, so we did one then, then we did one on the 31st, too, and then we did one more in May. It changes, so I do not know if that is when you want to be looking at it. That is the most important time, when you can make changes to the positions.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay. I am good.

Ms. Nakamura: Here is another suggestion. I think it is helpful to some Councilmembers when we are doing the agency reviews to have a current vacancy report. Then after you get your supplemental, I think that was when the most current request was made so that you could see actually what has changed from March to May. I think that information helped to further refine the questions. It seems like those were to two (2) key milestones in our process.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: First of all, if the Councilmember is asking for a quarterly report, I think he deserves to get quarterly reports. That is number one. I do not think you folks can say, “Well, I think you guys need it...” No—if he wants it every quarter—the issue is assurances were made during this budget regarding hires, funding, or whatever. Some of us may want to keep track of that, so we would need the first quarter report, the next three (3) months, and the next (6) months. We want to work together and

if he is asking for quarterly reports—my God. The first one will be difficult because you have to form this template, and it may have already been done with the most recent report. Then it is just updating it every quarter. I think it is a reasonable request. At the end of the day, we do not need the proviso because the Charter says that we are entitled to it anyway. We are just trying to make a request. If Councilmember Kualii now has become ordained as the “HR position expert” for the Council, that is the tool he needs to make recommendations and suggestions, so I support that. Thank you.

Councilmember Kualii: I would just add and disagree if you must, but we, with your cooperation and help, recently went through this process and ninety percent (90%) of what we have is...you already have. The last column, which is “status of recruitment,” which I found to be lacking and have gotten a report and asked again—you got us there eventually a week before making decisions. I was ready to propose about ten (10) or more positions for ultimate deletion, but you gave me enough justification to see why recruitment was delayed and all of this necessary information so that we can work together. This is all we are asking for here. I think it is all information you already have and it is not too hard to compile. We have just moved to a Human Resources Department with eighteen (18)...how many positions? I think we have the staffing to do it. I hope we can get your cooperation.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? Any discussion on this item? If not, can I have a roll call vote, please? Wait—let me just say this...we need five (5) votes for this add. I just wanted to clarify.

The motion to amend Section 19 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock, Hooser	TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Councilmember Kualii: My next proviso is Section 13. The one sentence that is—well, a couple of items—the addition is on the bottom of the front page—it is being distributed...I am sorry—but, it basically adds “biannual reports, September 30, 2015 and January 31, 2016, of budget appropriation transfers over \$15,000 that indicates the following: amount and account transferred from; amount and account transferred to; date of approval; approved by,” whether it would be the Mayor or the Director of Finance, and then the justification for the budget appropriation. I am aware that the process already happens, so I am just asking for a compiled reporting of the process. I would anticipate that in a computerized system, you should be able to do this relatively easily, except for maybe having to input the approval and the justification. So the Section 13 is already there in place that talks about how unencumbered appropriations can be transferred within a division or between divisions, and then without any action by the Council. I am just asking for a reporting of that; twice a year, September 30, 2015 and January 31, 2016; and not for smaller items, but only for larger items over \$15,000.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a motion and second?

Councilmember Kualii moved to amend Section 13 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, seconded by Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Councilmember Kualii, my question is why only September and January? Why not March as well?

Councilmember Kualii: This is something new that I am adding. They already had the other reports quarterly.

Councilmember Kagawa: So we already had March's?

Councilmember Kualii: No, this is the different proviso versus the other one.

Councilmember Kagawa: April would be the next one, I think.

Councilmember Kualii: This is specifically a summary report regarding budget appropriation transfers. It is a new report.

Councilmember Kagawa: It is a biannual report.

Councilmember Kualii: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay. I have a question for the Administration.

Councilmember Kualii: I would just add that I did get this reviewed and it is pursuant to Section 7.08(A)(4) of the Charter.

Councilmember Kagawa: My question is do you already have this internally as the Administration and do you have any problems with this proviso?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Shimonishi: Ken Shimonishi, Director of Finance. As far as having it internally, we would be able to, I guess, obtain the information off of the system from what is posted via an appropriation adjustment, transaction amounts that are greater than or equal to \$15,000. That would not be a problem. As far as the approval and the date of approval, that is something that is not necessarily captured in the system, but just on the hard copy form so that would have to be looked at manually.

Councilmember Kagawa: So that might be a little more additional work?

Mr. Shimonishi: Right. It is not as if we can just run something off the system and have all of that information available. It would involve looking back at hard copies.

Councilmember Kagawa: It would have a date, right? It might not necessarily be the date of approval? Is that what you are saying?

Mr. Shimonishi: Correct. It would probably go more with the transaction date.

Councilmember Kagawa: So it might be the input date and not the actual date of approval.

Mr. Shimonishi: Right.

Councilmember Kagawa: So maybe if we took that out, it would be better.

Mr. Shimonishi: The transactions and posting date or transaction date that is straightforward. The additional information about who approved it, date of approval, and all of that would be something that we would have to go back to a hard copy form and file.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions? Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I guess my main point is that in the Charter, it basically says that the Mayor has the authority to do this, so where is it showing that the Mayor gave the authority? He does not sign every form.

Mr. Shimonishi: Yes, he does, except Council's budget transfer forms which are signed by the Council Chair. Other than that, it is typically the Director of Finance or the designee, as well as the Mayor or his designee.

Councilmember Kualii: So you said Mayor, but who are all the other designees?

Mr. Shimonishi: The appropriation transfer forms are initiated at the department level with the department head signing off, then it comes through to the Director of Finance or his designee, then the Director of Finance signs off, and finally the Mayor.

Councilmember Kualii: Every transfer, regardless of the amount, is approved that way.

Mr. Shimonishi: That is correct.

Councilmember Kualii: So we can eliminate "d." On that form, besides the Mayor or his designee approving that budget appropriation transfer, there is also a section for justification.

Mr. Shimonishi: Correct.

Councilmember Kualii: That is just a blank area where you write in text.

Mr. Shimonishi: Correct.

Councilmember Kualii: Are there standard justifications that could be checked off on? Could it be compiled somehow in this day of computers and everything that we have?

Mr. Shimonishi: That specific justification is not captured on the system. It is a mere, brief note on transfers between accounts, but not the actual reason behind that. Again, that would be a freeform text on a hard copy.

Councilmember Kualii: Clearly for me, that is an important piece of information, but if the proviso will require you to do it and you are telling me you cannot do it and that it is too much work because everything is on a paper, which I can imagine that there is a lot, right? How many a year do you think?

Mr. Shimonishi: A couple hundred transactions; a couple hundred forms a year, each containing multiple—it could be one account to one account. It could be one account to many accounts.

Councilmember Kualii: Actually, that is not a lot to me. I have done a lot of “monkey work” in accounting and I can do that, so you probably can. It is not too difficult.

Mr. Shimonishi: It is taking data on a hard copy and rekeying it into a...

Councilmember Kualii: But we have to move to computers anyway, do we not, eventually? For one thing, I think the type of justification—maybe there are some similar reasons that could be just a box that gets checked off, as opposed to maybe people’s handwriting that you cannot read. I do not know. I think I am going to pull out “d.” because I see it as unnecessary because what you are telling me is that the Mayor approves it all.

Councilmember Kagawa: I will ask Councilmember Kualii if he can take out “e.” as well because I think...

Councilmember Kualii: It is happening twice a year.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, but I am just saying that when the CPAs audit our books, they do testing on our internal controls and they cover these kinds of areas. If there is proper justification and we are almost auditing whether they are getting approvals, I think the CPAs do a sufficient job in testing—if they find out that there is no justification, they will test even more. I think we have had pretty much clean audits throughout, but I can see you wanting to...I want to see the amount and account transfer to and from, just so that I can prepare for my cuts next year and I would also like to see the transaction date. If you can you change “c.” to “transaction date,” that would also be my recommendation and then I could support this.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Is this information not all on the form? The transfer document? I am assuming that you folks use the same one that we use, right?

Mr. Shimonishi: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So all of the information is on there.

Mr. Shimonishi: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Would it not make sense just to send a copy of that document here?

Mr. Shimonishi: That could be done.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, to me. Rather than have to go transfer all of that stuff and do a spreadsheet, just send the copy of the transfer form to the Council. That makes sense. All of the information is on there. It just makes sense.

Councilmember Kualii: He just saved you all of that work.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am a pretty simple guy. It is on the form. Just send us a copy of the form. I know what people are thinking—"separation of power." It is not. We have the right to see that. We have the right to see any financial document. So rather than trying to determine how we can get around this, just send us a copy and we are done. We will put it in a file with the staff and if Councilmembers want to look at it, they can look at it.

Mr. Shimonishi: So should this proviso be amended to reflect a copy of the appropriation transfer form exceeding \$15,000 per line item?

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not know where KipuKai came up with the \$15,000 because if you have fourteen (14) different transfers of \$2,000 a piece or \$3,000 a piece, the end result is substantial. I am not sure why we would—just send them all, then we have a much better understanding of what is being transferred. That is oversight. You would think that we could do that by mutual agreement and not have to go through a proviso, but if the proviso is what is required, that is fine.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: These transfer sheets that the Chair is referring to—how many are there?

Mr. Shimonishi: Well, I am speaking in terms of the operating funds, which is basically what we are doing in the budget ordinance, and my recollection is probably around two hundred (200) forms a year; somewhere around that neighborhood, maybe a little more.

Councilmember Yukimura: And we would get a hard copy quarterly? That is a lot of paper.

Mr. Shimonishi: I think if you are asking me, we would just E-mail a copy of that to Council Staff or what have you.

Councilmember Yukimura: An electronic copy makes a lot more sense. We are thinking on a quarterly basis. Is that what we are thinking? Semiannual—sorry. That is better.

Mr. Shimonishi: It would be sent as it is processed because for us to compile it...

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not to know six (6) months from now what you did six (6) months ago. If we are tracking an account, we are tracking some expenditures or a line item. I do not know what your normal distribution list on the E-mail is, but you can add Council Services, Council Staff, or whatever we use and it comes. Like I said, the following would be available to Councilmembers. It is public record. It is not

something that the public does not have a right to see. Just “put us on the ‘cc’ list and ‘poof’ it is done.” If we need a proviso for that, that is fine, too. To me, it is simple.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: So is it doable for you?

Mr. Shimonishi: Currently, as we process the forms, it is sent back to the departments electronically, so we could include Council Staff on that with each transmission as well. Just know that it is a PDF form. It is not an Excel worksheet or something that you would be able to...really, if you wanted to play with the numbers or something, but that is the way it goes back to the departments.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: I would suggest a folder with the Clerk if anybody wants to see it.

Councilmember Kualii: I will have staff amend the proviso, but it would still be the two (2) dates that we are talking about. It will be on an ongoing basis, sent as processed.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Do we need a proviso for this?

Councilmember Kualii: I want to do a proviso.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Staff, will you work on the amendment? Can we move on to the next proviso? Since this is the last proviso, let us take a ten (10) minute recess and come back.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 2:29 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m., and proceeded as follows:

(Councilmember Hooser is noted as present in the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Welcome back. I think right now we have an amendment that wants to go in, so we need to withdraw the original.

Councilmember Kualii withdrew his original proposal to amend Section 13 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, Councilmember Kagawa withdrew his second.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can you make a motion for the new amendment?

Councilmember Kualii: My new proviso amendment that is being distributed basically comes down to this one sentence, “Pursuant to Section 7.08(A)(4) of the Charter of the County of Kaua‘i, the Managing Director shall provide to the County Council electronic copies of all budget appropriation transfers, to be transmitted as processed.”

Councilmember Kualii moved to amend Section 13 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2017, seconded by Councilmember Kagawa.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion or questions? Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to amend Section 13 of the Operating Budget Provisos for the Fiscal Year 2015-2017 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Hooser, Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 6,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any other changes to any provisos? If there are no changes to the provisos, we are going to move on to Real Property Tax Rates.

Councilmember Kagawa: I thought we were done.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: That is wishful thinking.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any changes to the Real Property Tax Rates?

Councilmember Hooser: Yes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I have a reduction in the Homestead tax rate by \$0.32. This decreases ...we are using the Unassigned Fund Balance to pay for it. The reason for this is because this amount of money roughly reflects the amount of tax increase that every...or eighty percent (80%) of taxpayers are going to undergo, who now enjoy the Homestead rate. As most of you know, two (2) months ago I introduced a bill to freeze property taxes for the same category and that was not successful. That was, I think, a far preferable solution, but this in my opinion makes Homestead taxpayers a little bit more whole. Without this reduction in rate, taxpayers will have a tax increase equivalent to about the same amount of money, \$1,300,000 or so. Those are Homestead rates. I will make the motion if anyone wants to second it.

Councilmember Hooser moved to decrease the Homestead tax rate by \$0.32 (\$1,335,665); decrease the contribution to the Public Access Fund by (\$6,678); use of the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset revenue loss to the General Fund in the amount of (\$1,342,343), seconded by Councilmember Yukimura.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion by the Members?

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question for Steve. I heard that Steve has to leave like around 3:00 p.m., so if we can all try to squeeze in our questions to him. What is your due date or when are you leaving?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

STEVEN A. HUNT, Tax Manager: 3:45 p.m.

Councilmember Kagawa: Steve, my basic question is, is the Real Property Tax Division or Finance Department in favor of decreasing the Homestead tax rate and what are your concerns?

Mr. Hunt: Steve Hunt, Tax Manager, for the record. Obviously, my concerns are the stability of the budget. If we are looking at using the Unassigned Fund Balance, that is a one (1) year fix, but it does not balance the revenue and expenditure. So if the Council deems it important to address a reduction in Homestead Tax Rates, then I would advise that they look at other rates to make up that balance to continue to keep the revenue at the level it is.

Councilmember Kagawa: So you are saying offset, this decrease in the Homestead tax rate by increasing perhaps another category?

Mr. Hunt: I would say my preference and I am speaking without consulting my Finance Director, but because we have been running a deficit budget in terms of using the Unassigned Fund Balance to balance the regular balance and going further into the Unassigned Fund Balance, knowing that we still have Collective Bargaining yet to pay, I do not think it would be advisable to just simply use the Unassigned Fund Balance to make up the difference.

Councilmember Kagawa: Steve, I had another question. Did most of the Homestead owners—I remember talking to you and you said most of our bills will go down after we remove the cap, and it was true for my house. I am wondering if you guys have a number of the Homestead taxes when they removed the cap of how much in terms of percentage went down and how much went up. We are talking about from when we had the cap.

Mr. Hunt: I guess it is kind of a double-question because what I estimated was from the level that was set in budget. There was an action taken by this body to have a cap of \$250, which amended that budget amount. I have not really had the ability to go in at that time, at least, and not in the prior fiscal year to compare those numbers from Fiscal Year '14 to Fiscal Year '15 with that cap in place. I have on request done that for Council for Fiscal Year '15 to propose Fiscal Year '16 and incorporating both budget to budget, and then budget to the actual capped amount with the \$250. Depending which way you compared it, I believe the majority would have increases; some of them, almost nine percent (9%) of the taxpayers simply because minimum tax was increased from \$100 to \$150. There were eight hundred twenty-two (822) property owners that will get an increase merely because minimum tax was raised. Looking at the total amount, I do not have the percentage here handy, but I know if you are looking at a dollar amount of the increases, about eighty-five percent (85%) would have increases of \$250 or less in their property taxes. So of those who get increases, which is the majority of the homeowners...

Councilmember Kagawa: Are you talking about from last year to this year?

Mr. Hunt: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: You are not talking about when the cap...

Mr. Hunt: Two (2) years when it was removed. I do not have the figures because the \$250 came into play...

Councilmember Kagawa: And that threw everything off for you.

Mr. Hunt: I was not able to calculate from the prior year to this year.

Councilmember Kagawa: And you were not given a reason to go and do that comparison?

Mr. Hunt: I was not asked to do that comparison. I was asked to do the comparison between what was actually paid and what was budgeted—well, I actually initially started with what was budgeted, but then what was actually paid to compare it with what would be projected to pay at the current rates.

Councilmember Kagawa: For me, it is really hard to support this because I need to know where the Homestead owners were, so I want that comparison that you do not have for me. I guess today is too late to ask you to find that number, so I am kind of stuck. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Steve, you said of the Homestead class that will have an increase this year, eighty-five percent (85%) have \$250 or less. Is that correct?

Mr. Hunt: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. I know once you gave us the figure—if we take all the parcels on the island and you divide it up by our Real Property Tax revenues, which is sort of like a generalized cost of services per parcel, what was the per parcel cost of services?

Mr. Hunt: Please give me a second. If you were strictly to take the estimated revenue and divide that by the number of parcels, the per parcel assessment or taxes would be \$3,376.50.

Councilmember Yukimura: \$3,376.50.

Mr. Hunt: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. There is a lot of variation in the parcels and everything.

Mr. Hunt: Correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: But just as a generalized rule of thumb, that is kind of the cost of services per parcel.

Mr. Hunt: If you were to break it down by a parcel count, yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay. Thank you very much.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: The staff is making some copies of some information that was provided by the Tax Office that I can circulate. They will be right back, but in the meantime just for the record, there are approximately two thousand (2,000) property owners who will have tax increases of over \$250 and I think the owners say there are four hundred (400) or so. Do you have the number of over \$750?

Mr. Hunt: I believe there are one hundred sixty-one (161) if you are comparing budget-to-budget and when you throw in the \$250 cap, I believe there are four hundred twenty-two (422).

Councilmember Hooser: So four hundred twenty-two (422) properties we know will have increases over \$750?

Mr. Hunt: Yes and the majority of those are in the Commercialized Home Use class this year, so they were in higher-paying tax categories.

Councilmember Hooser: Do you know what the high-end of all of those? We know they are over \$750. Are some \$4,000 to \$5,000?

Mr. Hunt: I would imagine on the high-end, yes. I know the biggest credits that were given was the property that had an owner-occupant that was also using it as a vacation rental, so he was subject to that tax class, so the credit was over \$20,000 on that particular property. Even going down to the Commercialized Home Use at a lower rate, I would suspect that there would still be a several thousand increase to that property.

Councilmember Hooser: Okay, so just to restate, over two thousand (2,000) or approximately two thousand (2,000) will have increases of over \$250 and another eight hundred (800) will have—these numbers are buried in each other, so to be clear, there will be four hundred fifteen (415) taxpayers who receive tax increases from \$500 to \$750 and again, another four hundred twenty-two (422) over \$751. There are a couple of points. When will the new tax bills go out?

Mr. Hunt: The tax bills will go out July 20th with the new amounts. Once the rates are set, then we will apply it to the certified list. They go out July 20th and they are due August 20th for the first half.

Councilmember Hooser: Okay, so as I sit here today, we know that on July 21st or July 22nd we are going to get the same calls that we got last year, I think. This will at least go a little bit towards resolving those situations. If Members are interested, I have another proposal that balances the budget with an increase on the Hotel and Resort classification. If you wanted a revenue-neutral outcome, that would be a \$0.66 increase. Thank you. I passed out the summary that was provided to me by the Tax Office that shows the various tax increases. There will be ten thousand ninety-one (10,091) owner-occupants with tax increases.

Councilmember Yukimura: Say that again?

Councilmember Hooser: Ten thousand ninety-one (10,091). That is on the page that has number one at the top, "Department of Finance Real Property Tax." Depending on how you calculate it, the overall increase is somewhere between—correct me if I am wrong because these are your numbers and I do not necessarily get them, but somewhere between six point four four percent (6.44%) and twelve point three three percent (12.33%) would be the average tax increase, depending on how you calculate it. That is how I read this. I would love to pass some tax relief. That is my purpose here. Also, I want taxpayers to know that their taxes will be going up. It is our prerogative as the Council to set the rates. By not changing the rates to make it revenue-neutral, we are, in effect, raising their taxes because we have the ultimate power to set rates. That is why we are here today. That is our obligation. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions for Steve Hunt? If not, I will open it up for discussion. Councilmember Kagawa.

There being no objections, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Kagawa: I just wanted to kind of remind the Council and the public that we had a lot of complaints from other people as well, like in the \$6 category, and those were people like Mrs. Lopez who have multiple properties that basically said they are not rich and they will struggle to pay taxes on that \$6 property. So I think this may even create more, I guess, problems being that the Homestead rate will even run away further from the second home rate. Again, some people inherit the home. It does not mean that they are rich. Maybe perhaps their child is not ready to own that home yet, but there are ways that the Tax Department does work to try and get them their Homestead class tax rate. I think the better way is that they have to come in and talk story with Steve and their staff, who are willing to help solve a lot of situations, and I appreciate that. But last year, we kind of ran out of time basically when we approved everything. I think we will never make everybody happy on the taxes. *Ad valorem*—I did not think it was the way to go, but we went that way and hopefully Steve will have some time freed up. I think he said maybe September or something where we can start working on the task force just to...maybe not to reform everything, but just to see if what is in place is working and if we need more exemptions or what have you. Especially for me, the issues are with the fixed income people; the elderly. I think with the old cap on, they really had a small tax and now with the *ad valorem*, I think their tax went up a lot and they are quite upset. That is another category. Anyway, I just wanted to say that I do not think this will help to fix all of the problems and I am kind of concerned about that. Thanks.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I will just speak briefly, unless someone lets me or asks me to speak again. On the one page, if you all have it, it says "number 1 and number 2." At the bottom of the page, it shows the tax classifications, and then it shows the burden placed on balancing the budget. The first class is Residential, so if you have a rental property in 2015, rental properties...residential classification paid thirty-one point forty-two percent (31.42%) of the budget. They paid less than that in 2016. That drops to twenty-three percent (23%). Vacation Rentals: twenty-one point sixty-five percent (21.65%) in 2015. They paid a tiny bit less, but they paid less. The burden of paying the County bills is less for both of those properties. For Commercial properties, the burden is less. For Industrial properties, the burden is less. For Agricultural, the burden is higher. For Conservation, the burden is higher. Hotel and Resort is less. Homestead is higher. The people who are increasing—we are increasing the burden that they have to pay our bills, which are the Homestead tax classification, Agriculture, and Conservation. We are

lowering the burden for Hotel and Resort, Commercial, Industrial, Vacation Rental, and Residential. I just wanted to point that out for the record. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro:

Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think it is also important to show that the Homestead class is paying eleven percent (11%) of the total County budget, whereas Vacation Rentals are paying twenty-one percent (21%) and Hotel and Resort are paying nineteen percent (19%). These are probably fewer parcels, but because they generate a lot more income, we are having them pay more and we are having Homestead pay less of the pie. Yes, it did go up, because we removed the cap and we had to because I am looking at Police alone, if at a budget of \$26,000,000—if you divide that up by the thirty thousand (30,000) parcels, it is almost \$900 per parcel cost just for Police. If you add Solid Waste, Fire, and all the other support service like Parks—one of the principles is that everybody has to pay their fair share. What is fair share? We adjust so that the poorest of our homeowners pay far less than the wealthiest of our homeowners, but everybody is getting services. It is a balancing act and I think we would all want to give lower taxes to our Homestead class because they are the people who live here and many have lived here for generations. On the other hand, if there are Homestead owners who can pay more, they have to pay more and those who are using their home to make income also have more capability to pay. We just have to keep it to a level that is fair in terms of their ability to pay. That is what I think we have tried to do with the variety of programs that we have from the Home Preservation Tax Limit to the Long-Term Affordable Rental Program, to all of these programs that give relief for things that are good policy and good for our community. Then of course, the other piece is in our goal setting, we all said that a balanced budget is our highest priority. If we pass this, it adds \$1,300,000 to the \$1,700,000 that we have to cover for Collective Bargaining, which is \$3,000,000 taken out of our reserve, which is not yet at a balanced budget level. I do not think we can do that now. We still need to keep track of our Homestead class increases and work on a variety of programs, if we can, to make sure that no one is unduly burdened by Real Property Taxes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion from the Members? I guess I have a quick thing. I think we worked hard on this budget. I think the Administration worked hard on the budget. There are some cuts, \$314,000 worth of cuts. First off, I would love to give a reduction to the Homestead tax class. I am in the Homestead tax class, so I would be giving myself a reduction, but again, it comes down to what is being fiscally responsible. We all worked hard; the Administration worked hard on their budget and we worked hard on our cuts, and I do not think it will do us any justice to pass a decrease in the Homestead tax rate and put us \$1,300,000 further in the hole. Again, I remember seeing presentations by Real Property Tax and when we talk about fairness of taxes and who pays the most tax, I specifically remember that the highest valuation in the County was, I think, the Homestead class, but they paid the lowest amount of taxes in proportion to everyone else. So when you talk about fairness, I think you are looking at the Hotel and Resort and Commercial, who were paying a higher proportion in taxes than Homestead. I think something like this would only further create a discrepancy. Again, it comes down to a tax policy. What do we want? What is our policy? What do we want to see in the future? I do not know anywhere where we said that we are going to continue to reduce homeowners' taxes or we are going to keep it the same. I do not know if the policy is when assessments go down, we are going to increase their taxes. All I can say is that we need to be fiscally responsible and when we talk about fairness, I think the Homestead class is getting more than their fair share because they are paying a smaller proportion than what their value is. Again, we worked hard on this budget and I think to pass something like this would probably cripple all of our efforts that we have made throughout this whole time. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I also wanted to point out that last budget we created a Residential Investor class for residential properties of \$2,000,000 or more in valuation. Three (3) people around this table did not vote for it, but this year it has generated \$6,300,000 towards our budget. If we did not have that today in our budget, we would be in terrible shape. It is not only about cutting taxes, but it is also about appropriately raising revenues so that we can serve our people. Any further discussion?

Council Chair Rapozo: I will honor your request to not go across, back and forth.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thanks. I know where we could have done it because I was not even here last year, so there might be more people that did not vote on it. The motion on the floor would be to decrease the Homestead Tax Rate by \$0.32—wait—let me read it out in total: \$1,335,665 decrease due to a decrease in the Homestead Tax Rate by \$0.32 and a decrease to the Public Access Fund of \$6,678 and we are going to be using the Unassigned Fund Balance for a total of \$1,342,343 to fund that decrease.

Councilmember Yukimura: Is this a proposal?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: The proposal was to decrease the tax.

Councilmember Yukimura: But it had Open Space in it, too?

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: The Public Access Fund gets some money out of it, so any decrease in this would affect that Fund.

Councilmember Yukimura: I see.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I have a roll call vote, please?

The motion to decrease the Homestead tax rate by \$0.32 (\$1,335,665); decrease the contribution to the Public Access Fund by (\$6,678); use of the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset revenue loss to the General Fund in the amount of (\$1,342,343) was then put, and failed by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Hooser	TOTAL – 1,
AGAINST MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Councilmember Kagawa moved to accept the Real Property Tax Rates as was proposed in the Mayor's March 13, 2015 budget submittal.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I think we may have one more proposal from Councilmember Hooser. No? Okay. The motion on the floor is to accept the rates as is. Can I get a second?

Council Chair Rapozo moved to second the motion to accept the Real Property Tax Rates as is.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Can I get a roll call vote, please? Do we have any discussion on keeping the rates the same?

Councilmember Yukimura: It should be allowed.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: I actually do have a very short comment. Every year, we are going to go through this exercise and every year we are going to try to fix this system with targeted relief or targeted revenue generation, and until we do what we have been talking about for a long time as far as tax reform, it is not going to change. I know Steve has said maybe September, but I would suggest, Mr. Chair, that we really look at, on our end, putting together a task force and start to look at some options. When the Administration is ready to work with us, then we can. But I do not think we can wait anymore. You tweak one, and then you cause problems on the other side. I am just saying that I think it is time that we pull the trigger and when the Administration is ready to join in, they are more than welcomed to come in. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? No further discussion? Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to accept the Real Property Tax Rates as was proposed in the Mayor's March 13, 2015 budget submittal was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	Hooser	TOTAL – 1.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a motion to end everything. This is the “end all” motion.

Councilmember Kagawa moved to reduce the contribution from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund by \$314,085, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion? Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I tried to cut over \$1,200,000 and my intention was to try to use the \$500,000 for the Kekaha Host Community Benefits and I ended up cutting, with my introduced proposals, \$100,000 basically. I want to thank the Committee Members for supporting me in that. I have at least contributed to reduce the burden of using revenues for our expenses. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I, too, wanted to add that it was my hope that we could at least find the \$440,396 worth of cuts so we could at least say for this current year our budget of expenditures is equal to our forecasted revenues and that we are not spending more than we have. Unfortunately, we did not make it there and I expected that in a way, so I am wearing red today. I am going support this. I am happy that at least we got three-quarters of the way there.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I am supporting this, but I have to say that when I look at that number, I see several good programs and organizations that we cut that I did not support, so it is with somewhat reluctance that I support this. I would have wished those programs would have been allowed to continue. Just for the record, I added nothing. I made no “asks” whatsoever to the budget. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I want to thank you, Chair, and all of the Members of the Committee for a lot of hard work and tough decision-making, but I think we have done our job. I want to thank the Administration for their support with information and also for their efforts to cut and to balance the budget, because they did a lot, even before we started. I am hopeful that we can keep doing this work, even after we pass the budget because there were a lot of things that came to light that still need work, including the Real Property Tax reform, but also I think we have seen in individual programs the work that needs to be done. I look forward to that work as well.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I just have one more quick comment about this \$300,000 line item and the cuts and the adds. None of the cuts were easy; I would have to say that, but all of them were necessary. Some of us were willing to step out there, do the work, and propose cuts, whether they would pass or not. I am very proud of all the cuts that I put forward and the \$138,000 that passes.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Yukimura.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: One more thing. As I reflected in the votes on the separate issues, I did not agree with all of the cuts and I also did have some adds that did not get in, but that is part of the process and we need to just go forward. People still have an opportunity at the public hearing to express their thoughts about this budget, so I hope that we will continue to have public participation in this process because it affects all of our lives and the quality of our community.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further discussion? Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: I neglected to compliment the Chair for a great job, both in the preparation work, the organization, and the implementation of this meeting and this process. I know it was a bit testy at times around the table, but I thought you handled it well and I want to thank you for that. It is the first time you did it and I thought you did a great job. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you. I will give us a few minutes after we get this vote done to say our last few words, just so that we can get this vote done. I would rather get the vote done first, and then we can have a few minutes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, before I change my mind.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Yes, before we end up getting some “no” votes. Can I get a roll call vote, please?

The motion to reduce contribution from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund by \$314,085 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Hooser, Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo, Yukimura, Kaneshiro	TOTAL – 6,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Chock	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
SILENT:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Before we adjourn, I would like to ask if we could make a motion and second to provide Council Services Staff with the ability to make adjustments, if necessary, to balance the budget.

Councilmember Kagawa moved to allow Council Services Staff to balance Operating and CIP Budgets and make necessary changes using the Unassigned Fund Balance for respective funds. Councilmembers to be notified of any anticipated major changes, seconded by Councilmember Kualii, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1:0:0 (*Councilmember Chock was excused.*)

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I just have some housekeeping notes. The Committee Decision-Making session is finally over—thank goodness. The staff will be preparing our amendments made today and incorporating them into the budget. On May 27, 2015, the Budget & Finance Committee will be formerly approving all decision-making items by procedurally amending and approving the budget bills and Real Property Tax Resolution, along with receiving the Committee’s report detailing the various pluses and minuses. The Council will then approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budgets on second and final reading, which will be accompanied by the Council’s Budget Message on June 3, 2015. We will be able to make final comments at that time also on the budget. I will give everybody a brief three (3) minutes or something if you want to make some final comments. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: I just want to thank our staff because they have done really, the biggest part of the work here and they have enabled us to have a pretty methodical process throughout these sessions of decision-making. I cannot thank them enough for the work that they have done and the support that they give us.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: I have prepared my three (3) to five (5) minute final comments, but if that is for the next time, I will save it for the next time.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You can do it at the second reading of the budget if you want to.

Councilmember Kualii: Yes, but *mahalo* to everyone.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Council Chair Rapozo.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. I will save my comments. Things can change between now and then and the whole speech would change, so I will reserve that for a later time. I did want to say thank you to the Committee Chair. Awesome job. I remember when he was a little nervous coming in, “Mel, I do not know.” I told him, “Do

not worry. We have your back.” Anyway, he did a great job. I think this is one of the probably better run budget sessions that I have been in since I have been on this Council, granted things are different. We do not have the \$55,000,000 surplus we were all fighting for. This is a little different, but nonetheless, you controlled the testy moments quite well and I commend you for that, and of course our staff; the new County Clerk Jade and Deputy County Clerk Scott; and of course all of our staff that has to sit and listen to this and have to put this all together at a later time. I just wanted to cover those two (2) groups of people, and then of course the Administration for being here. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I just wanted to compliment you, Committee Chair. Great job. I wish I could change your mind on one vote, but...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: We are not going back.

Councilmember Kagawa: It is what it is. As far as the staff, you guys know that I always ask you guys for a lot and I ask you at the last minute, so I really appreciate your help. I think you guys are awesome. Thank you also to the Mayor and the Administration. Great job. They did what I would maybe do if I was in their shoes, but I did not like all of the answers, but it is what it is because they are fighting for you; they are not fighting for me. Lastly, I have a team of support. I do not come up with my cuts and my ideas out of the sky. I have good friends like Alvin Honda, who helped me out and tried to give me advice as to how to make real changes now that they are out and now that they are not employees, and showing me their knowledge and confidence that I have to be bold and take these kinds of steps. That is why I am testing the waters. You can bet that if we are in this situation next year, we will *hana hou*. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: I just want to thank everybody here. I want to thank my colleagues for being patient with me as the Chair. I want to thank the Mayor's Administration also. It is a long process; this whole budget process is long. I think we had three (3) weeks with almost every day full of meetings. I do not know how many questions we sent you and how many questions we asked up here, but I know it was a lot and it is a lot to ask for. It is a lot of work, but I think at the end of the day, I know we do not have the votes to pass it yet. We will see. I cannot celebrate yet. We are just done with the decision-making process, but I am hoping we can get the votes to actually pass the budget. Again, I look forward to further cooperation with the Administration and the Council. Thank you everyone for being patient. I want to thank the staff. I want to keep it short because they probably have to type everything that I am saying right now. I am thankful that we are one step closer to passing the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating and CIP Budgets. With that, the Budget & Finance Committee Decision-Making session is now adjourned.

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on June 24, 2015:



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