

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

January 19, 2017

A meeting of the Public Works / Parks & Recreation Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Ross Kagawa, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 8:31 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Arthur Brun
Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable Mel Rapozo, Ex-Officio Member

Excused: Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Ex-Officio Member

Minutes of the January 4, 2017 Public Works / Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Kaneshiro, seconded by Councilmember Brun, and unanimously carried, the January 4, 2017 Public Works / Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was approved.

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item, as shown in the following Committee Report, which is incorporated herein by reference:

CR-PWPR 2017-07: on PWPR 2017-05 Communication (11/29/2016) from Councilmember Yukimura, requesting the presence of the Acting County Engineer, to provide a briefing on the estimated \$100 million backlog for road repairs and maintenance. **(Received for the Record.)**

(Note: The Committee was in recess from 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. during discussion on PWPR 2017-05.)

The Committee proceeded on its agenda items as follows:

Bill No. 2612 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PLUMBING CODE **(This item was Deferred to February 15, 2017.)**

Councilmember Kaneshiro moved to defer Bill No. 2612 to February 15, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Chock.

Committee Chair Kagawa: There is no discussion on a deferral. All those in favor of the deferral, signify by saying aye...

Council Chair Rapozo: Committee Chair Kagawa, was there anyone in the audience that wanted to testify? I see a lot of people, but I do not know if anyone is here for that.

Committee Chair Kagawa: Does anyone want to speak on the Plumbing Code?

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

The motion to defer Bill No. 2612 to February 15, 2017 was then put, and unanimously carried.

Bill No. 2613 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE (This item was Deferred to February 15, 2017.)

Committee Chair Kagawa: Before we have the motion, I just want to clarify something. I have been working with the Department of Public Works Chief of Buildings, and the reason why he is asking for the deferral is because the Plumbing Code and Electrical Code updates will take us to new higher standards, all of which have a good purpose. However, no other County nor the State has adopted these Code updates yet. In mutual agreement, our feeling is that we should wait to see the progress of the other Counties and the State so that we do not require our construction people on the island to have higher standards and higher costs than the rest of the State because it is not always an advantage. While it is an advantage for safety, sometimes Codes can already be implemented with higher safety on their own. You do not have to have a Code to tell you to make it safer. These Codes do affect construction costs and we want to make sure that we are consistent with the rest of the State. With that, can I have a motion?

Councilmember Chock moved to defer Bill No. 2613 to February 15, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried.

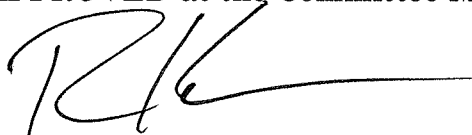
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on February 1, 2017:



ROSS KAGAWA
Chair, PWPR Committee