

## MINUTES

### **PUBLIC WORKS & VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE**

January 20, 2022

A meeting of the Public Works & Veterans Services Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Bill DeCosta, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 8:31 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock  
Honorable Felicia Cowden  
Honorable Luke A. Evslin (*via remote technology*)  
Honorable Bill DeCosta  
Honorable KipuKai Kualī'i, Ex-Officio Member  
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro, Ex-Officio Member

Excused: Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.

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

**CR-PWVS 2022-01:** on PWVS 2022-01      Communication (12/21/2021) from Council Chair Kaneshiro, requesting the presence of the Acting County Engineer, to provide a briefing regarding the siting of a new landfill. **(Received for the Record.)**

PWVS 2022-02      Communication (12/22/2021) from Councilmember Cowden, requesting the presence of the Acting County Engineer and the Director of Finance, to provide a briefing regarding electronic plan review and the electronic building permit system to include:

- Successes (such as improvements in effectively and efficiently processing permits) and challenges with the project overall;
- Successes and challenges with the system, selected software, and implementation;
- Observations or feedback received regarding the customer experience (frustration, satisfaction, or neither); and
- Advice and lessons learned that can assist other County departments implement more electronic processes. **(This item was Deferred.)**

Councilmember Chock moved to receive PWVS 2022-02 for the record, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Committee Chair DeCosta: For the record, we have no written testimony and no one registered to speak on this item. This item was requested by Councilmember Cowden for an update on our electronic plan review system. However, we did receive a written request from the Department of Public Works and they would like to respectfully ask for a deferral, as they have a staffing issue due to COVID-19. I would like to honor that request and hope that the Members support it as well. Given that, Members is there any discussion before I entertain a motion to defer?

Councilmember Cowden moved to defer PWVS 2022-02, seconded by Councilmember Chock, and carried by a vote of 4:0:1 (*Councilmember Carvalho was excused*).

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Young  
Council Services Assistant I

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on February 9, 2022:



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Chair, PWVS Committee