

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 27, 2020

The Special Council Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Council Chair Arryl Kaneshiro at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 8:40 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 Ross Kagawa  
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i  
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro

Excused: Honorable Arthur Brun\*

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Please note that we will run today's meeting pursuant to the Governor's Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated March 16, 2020, Sixth Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated April 25, 2020, and Seventh Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated May 5, 2020.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The first item is the approval of the agenda.

Councilmember Kuali'i moved for approval of the agenda, as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Chock.

*(No written testimony was received and no registered speakers requested to testify regarding this agenda item.)*

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion on the agenda from the members?

The motion for approval of the agenda, as circulated, was then put, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1\*.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The motion is carried. Next item please.

LEGAL DOCUMENT:

C 2020-147 Communication (05/21/2020) from the Housing Director, recommending Council approval of an Amended and Restated Ground Lease with Pua Loke Housing Partners LP, a Hawai'i Limited Partnership, for the Pua Loke Affordable Housing Development project, Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 3-8-005-028 & 029, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i.

- Amended and Restated Ground Lease

Councilmember Chock moved to approve C 2020-147, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion from the members on this item? This is an Agreement that we approved at a prior meeting. There were a few changes that needed to be made before they could finalize it. It has been reviewed by the Office of the County Attorney. Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I was just going to state what the change was. It was just a minor piece in there protecting the lender. It is almost like a housekeeping amendment. It is significant to the lender, but not significant to the citizens here and our moneys.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Anyone else?

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a question.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: This is a seventy-five (75) year ground lease for affordable housing? Is that what it is?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: This is the new project that is going up right behind Kukui Grove Cinemas.

Councilmember Kagawa: So we are giving them a seventy-five (75) year lease for the land?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: In seventy-five (75) years, it comes back to the County...the ownership? Or it gets renewed?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Yes. I believe the agreement is similar to what we had for Kaniko'o at Rice Camp. We owned the land. They built the buildings and rented it out.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay. It is like a rental program?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: You can own a house if you have mortgage on leased land, but you do not own the land.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: This project is going to have rental units. It is all part of our transition plan. We have the project right across the street, across the Department of Water, that is going to be for homeless people transitioning into a house. These units are going to be for people that transition from that housing project across the street into this housing. Hopefully from this project they will be able to transition into fair market value houses or some other type of housing project.

Councilmember Kagawa: Good. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any other questions or discussion from the members?

*(No written testimony was received and no registered speakers requested to testify regarding these agenda items.)*

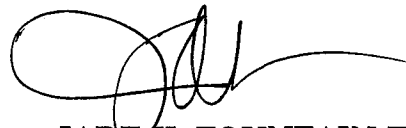
The motion to approve C 2020-147 was then put, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1\*.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: This concludes our Special Council Meeting. Not seeing or hearing any objections, this meeting is now adjourned.

There being no further business, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
County Clerk

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\*Beginning with the March 11, 2020 Council Meeting and until further notice, Councilmember Arthur Brun will not be present due to U.S. v. Arthur Brun et al., Cr. No. 20-00024-DKW (United States District Court), and therefore will be noted as excused (i.e., not present).