The 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, Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i, on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 8:33 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Bill DeCosta
Honorable Luke A. Evslin (via remote technology)
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro

Excused: Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable KipuKai Kuali‘i

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Good morning. Today’s meeting will be conducted pursuant to Governor Ige’s Supplementary Emergency Proclamations with the most recent relating to the Sunshine Law being his Twenty-First Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated June 7, 2021. For the record, we have no registered speakers today for any of our agenda items.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Councilmember Carvalho moved for approval of the agenda, as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

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

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions or is there any discussion from the Members?

The motion for approval of the agenda, as circulated, was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali‘i were excused).

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

MINUTES of the following meetings of the Council:

May 26, 2021 Public Hearing re: C 2021-14
June 16, 2021 Council Meeting
Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve the Minutes, as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions or is there any discussion on this item from the Members?

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

The motion to approve the Minutes, as circulated, was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The motion is carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2021-147 Communication (05/04/2021) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration and confirmation, Mayoral appointee V. Pamai Cano to the Civil Service Commission – Term ending 12/31/2021.


C 2021-150 Communication (06/22/2021) from Mark R. Knoff, P.E., Manager and Chief Engineer, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution Establishing An “Authorized Parking Only – Tow Away Zone” (No-Parking Zone) And A “30-Minute Parking – Tow Away Zone” (Time-Limit Parking Zone) At The Department Of Water, County Of Kaua‘i Administration Building And Operations Baseyard Parking Lots, Lihu‘e District, County Of Kaua‘i.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to receive C 2021-147, C 2021-148, C 2021-149, and C 2021-150 for the record, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions or is there any discussion from the Members?
The motion to receive C 2021-147, C 2021-148, C 2021-149, and C 2021-150 for the record was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2021-151 Communication (06/09/2021) from the Acting County Engineer, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding in the amount of $24,000,000.00, for the Po'ipū Road Mobility and Safety Project, and to indemnify the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve C 2021-151, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: We received no written testimony and there are no registered speakers to speak on this item. I will suspend the rules. I believe Michael Moule has a presentation to go over with us.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

MICHAEL MOULE, Chief of Engineering Division (via remote technology):
Good morning, Councilmembers. Thank you, Council Chair and Councilmembers, for allowing us to be here today. I will be going through a brief presentation as a summary of the grant. I am going to present the project and the request to receive and expend the grant funds for the RAISE grant application, which is for the Po'ipū Road Mobility and Safety Project.

First, I would like to talk about what the RAISE grant program is. This is a grant program from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). It is a similar program to the formerly-called Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program and recently called the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. It was TIGER under former President Obama, BUILD under former President Trump, and now called RAISE under President Biden. The eligible projects are transportation projects of roads, bridges, transit, rails, and ports. The selection criteria has not changed significantly from previous, but it is more focused as evidenced by the title of the grant program on the sustainability and equity issues. The selection criteria are: safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership, and innovation. The maximum award size is twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000). There is no match required for projects in rural areas. In this case, Kaua‘i is considered a rural area. We are proposing a ten percent (10%) match, and I will talk about that later. The application deadline is next week, Monday, July 12th.
Why should we be applying for the RAISE funds for the Po'ipū Road Mobility and Safety Project? The County always has Federal aid projects programmed on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We get about seven million dollars ($7,000,000) to eight million dollars ($8,000,000) of STIP funding per year, but our total need for projects based on the projects that we are planning over the next several years is about sixteen million dollars ($16,000,000) per year. There is a significant shortfall in the amount of funding that we typically receive and the amount of funding that we need. If we can apply for and receive RAISE grant funds, those funds would be effectively added to the limitation that the County has on Federal funding. Those funds would be new funds to Kaua‘i and new funds to the State of Hawai‘i, and the total amount of Federal funds that are received for transportation projects in the State of Hawai‘i.

Everyone in the country is still trying to recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Receiving this additional funding and pursuing every funding source to assist with that recovering will be helpful.

Of all the projects that are on the STIP and the ones that are already programmed for Federal funding, but without enough funds to do them as quickly as we would like, the Po'ipū Road project is the most comprehensive and best meets the RAISE grant criteria. We chose to apply for funds for Po'ipū Road due to the fact that it is the most likely to be funded. It hits all the inspection criteria in more ways than the rest of our projects; it is the best one. The nice thing about this is if we can fund the Po'ipū Road project with a RAISE grant, that would free up any funds that would otherwise be allocated to the Po'ipū Road project on the STIP for other projects on Kaua‘i and in other districts on the island. By getting these funds it helps get all the projects that are federally funded done more quickly than not.

A little history on the Po'ipū Road project and its design concept. There was one charrette and a series of public/community workshops in 2013. I am going to highlight a few slides from those workshops. This design that we are moving forward with now was directly developed by the public at those meetings in 2013. The South Kaua‘i Community Plan in 2015 adopted this project as part of that plan. Before COVID-19 hit, we held public meetings regarding this project and confirming the preliminary design. From December 2019 through February 2020, we had three (3) meetings: 1) with the resort property stakeholders, 2) with the public, and 3) with other business interest including retailers and landowners.

Here is a few slides from the previous workshops back in 2013. We had an opening workshop where we did a visioning exercise, et cetera. We had focus group meetings where we met with different groups of people which included landowners, residents, resort operators, et cetera. We had two (2) walking audits. We walked the corridor in two (2) different parts; one was the resort section, which is the section of the existing roundabout near the Grant Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa, and we had a separate walk audit in the town section where the public showed us what their biggest concerns are for the area. Lastly, we had a closing workshop where the public effectively presented their designs. You can see a drawing in the upper righthand picture. That is a drawing drawn by the public to create the designs that resulted in this project.
This is our project overview that effectively takes exactly what was drawn during those community workshops. We added a few because of what is on the ground. For example, at the Koa‘e Makana Affordable Housing Project, we added bus stops. However, this drawing is very close to the same as what came out of the public workshops.

I will do a summary of the things on this project. One of the reasons why we think this is the best project for the RAISE program is because it is so comprehensive. It has something for all user types from a modal point of view on how they choose to travel. It also serves both residents and visitors in various ways. It connects from Kōloa Town where you have mostly residents who live and work in this area. The section in Po‘ipū are travelers mostly visitors, but residents who are also getting to their resort jobs. The project includes adding three (3) new roundabouts to Po‘ipū Road. There is the existing roundabout at the intersection of Po‘ipū Road, which is Ala Kalanikaumaka Road and Lāwā‘i Road, and three (3) new roundabouts: Kōloa Road at the very top of the project in Kōloa Town. That would be a mini roundabout where the roundabout is fully mountable to the concrete truck apron that we see on a typical roundabout will cover the entire central island allowing the roundabout to be built in a smaller space. This is appropriate for areas where you already have low speeds and a very tight right-of-way constraints, which happens in that area. The second roundabout would be at the resort section. The Kiahuna roundabout at Kiahuna Plantation Drive. The third roundabout would be at the intersection of Po‘ipū Road at Ala Kinoiki Road. The original Kōloa/Po‘ipū Bypass Road and Pe‘e Road, which provides access to Po‘ipū Kai towards the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa.

Other features for congestion management besides the roundabout is adding left-turn lanes at existing driveways to businesses, resorts, or other locations along the resort section from this existing roundabout towards the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa. Between these three (3) roundabouts, every location that a motorist can turn left, there will be a left turn-lane after the project is done. Those left-turn lanes will be offset by raised medians in-between areas where there are no left turns to be made. Those medians will be landscaped with trees and other landscaping.

The project also includes several bus stop improvements. Right now, the bus runs one way along Po‘ipū Road from Kōloa Town to the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa, and it goes up the bypass road back to Kōloa Town. The Department of Transportation proposed change the Kōloa Shuttle so it goes down Po‘ipū Road and back on Po‘ipū Road. For example, if you work at the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa and you want to take the bus to Koa‘e Makana, right now, you are not able to do that unless you go all the way up into Kōloa Town. The Kōloa Shuttle goes into Kalāheo before it comes back down. This would allow an employee of the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa to use the bus to get back to Koa‘e Makana and other destinations that are not served by the way the bus currently works. The red bus stops are existing and the blue bus stops that are shown here, the little bus symbols, are proposed bus stops. The project also includes sidewalks. There are some sidewalks in the corridor now that are broken up into bits that were mostly built by developers. The plan would be to connect all of the sidewalks. There would be a sidewalk on at least one side of the road from Kōloa Road all the way to the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa. Both sides of the road through most of the resort section except for the area east of Kipuka Street near the
bypass road where there is no development, and then on the town section is what we will call it, there will be a sidewalk on the east side, but there will be a gap between Blake Lane and the shops that are by the Kukui'ula Store and Da Crack restaurant. There will be a sidewalk on both sides of the businesses, but not north of there.

Lastly, the project includes bike lanes on both sides of the road. There are existing shoulders now on the piece between the roundabout and Ala Kinoiki Road. The plan would be to provide improved bike lanes in this area and shoulders marked as “bike lanes” in the town section.

I have covered both in that image. I do not think I need to go over this a whole lot more. I think that it was easier to do with the image, but I wanted to have this in text for the record. This covers everything. I should also add that there are pedestrian crossing improvements that I missed in my discussion to add flashing beacons and raised median refuges at existing and new crosswalks. I think that I covered everything except for the very first bullet which is the project includes pavement resurfacing and reconstruction so the whole road will be fully resurfaced along with the project.

There are a few slides here showing the conceptional design. There will be changes made to this as we go into final design. This is the area near Kōloa Elementary School, showing sidewalks on both sides of the road in Kōloa Town. This is the roundabout at Kiahuna Plantation Drive. This is the Po'ipū Shopping Village and Keoki's Paradise restaurant is right there in the upper right-hand corner. There has been a roundabout discussed here for many years. The plan is to build that roundabout with this project. As mentioned, there is another roundabout at Ala Kinoiki Road. I will not show the concept design for that. This is the area between Ho'owili Road that goes to the south and the road that access Po'ipū Beach Park and Kipuka Street which is the road accessing Weliweli Tract. Weliweli Tract is not a Visitor Destination Area (VDA) local street in Po'ipū. There is an existing sidewalk that continues to the east, and this project would build sidewalks on both sides. It would go from here, all the way over to the existing roundabout.

Project Schedule. We are finalizing the design. We are working with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) and Federal Highways to get the funding necessary for the final design contract with the consultant. We are hoping to start this project mid-August at the latest. We are anticipating having the final design complete by next May. At that point, we will be requesting the obligation of Federal funds. The goal would be to have those funds by August. The latest would be September, which is the end of the Federal fiscal year. Spring to Summer 2023 would be when construction would start based on the current schedule.

Project Funding. The estimated construction cost is a little higher than what we sent in our memorandum to you a month or so ago. We were in the process of having our consultant do a new estimate based on the addition of the new roundabout. The roundabout at Kōloa Road is new. In part, based on Council request and additional drainage improvements that were added after our previous estimates increased the project a little more than we expected. The memorandum sent had an estimate of twenty-four million dollars ($24,000,000). We are now estimating a little over twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000). As I mentioned before, we are proposing a
match to show the County’s commitment to the project even though no match is required. We think that we would be more likely to get funds from the Federal government if we show that we have “skin in the game.” We are proposing a ten percent (10%) match, which is about two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000), which is less than what our normal match would be for a federal aid project. There is about three hundred forty thousand dollars ($340,000) worth of funds in the CIP Budget listed for various items. Some are specific to this project and some are generally with development funds that are paid for by developers years ago for Kōloa/Po'ipū intersection improvements. It is obvious that this project is doing that, so we would be using those funds for that. I think that there is a seventy-two thousand dollar ($72,000) amount for bus stops on Po'ipū Road in the CIP Budget, which is included in the three hundred forty thousand dollar ($340,000) amount as well. The remaining match we would propose to take from the Fiscal Year 2023 Hawai'i General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge for transportation. I should note that this two million two hundred thousand dollars ($2,200,000) is significantly less than just the cost of resurfacing the section of Po'ipū Road. As we discussed previously at Council, the focus of the County right now with the GET revenue is to fix the roads and bridges that we have, including resurfacing. There are funds being spent on transit, but the ones that are not being spent on transit, most of those funds is being used for paving. That is the case in this project as well. These funds would go to effectively pave the road. We estimate that the paving alone is somewhere around five million dollars ($5,000,000). We are looking at less than half of that for the cost from the match coming from GET funds. I believe that is my last slide. I can pull up any slide if you want to see it again.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. That was good. We have a copy of your PowerPoint presentation in front of us. Thank you for that presentation. Are there any questions from the Councilmembers? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: First, thank you for the quality job that you did on this application and presenting to us as individuals, too. I appreciate while this is directed to Po'ipū, it frees up funds for other needed projects. I support this. Can you put up the picture of the map? I might have asked this, but I am going to ask again. This has to do with Kiahuna Plantation Drive, which I believe is a private road and not a County road, is that correct? Does Kiahuna Plantation belong to the County?

Mr. Moule: You were correct when you said it the first time, it is not a County road. It is a private road. That is true. I have the map up now; can you see that?

Councilmember Cowden: Yes. As I mentioned in our meeting, when we look at this whole artery along Kiahuna Plantation Drive, there is Pili Mai at Po'ipū and there will be a brand new condominium set. I always have this inward and upward desire when I think about a storm. If there was a hurricane or tidal wave warning and there were hundreds of units...I am not sure of the exact number that will be there, but it must be something close to that. They will be heading towards the ocean to get out. When I look at the end of Kiahuna Plantation Drive, it does not have a cul-de-sac, is that a golf course area and you are not able to cross over to Po'ipū Road? Can you cross over this area, and can you see where I am talking about?
Mr. Moule: Yes. There is a golf course and a stream in between these two (2) cul-de-sacs and Po'ipū Road. It is private property, plus significant stream crossings. Honestly, if there were a way to connect, it would be to connect through Hapa Road.

Councilmember Cowden: Is that near Saint Raphael's Church?

Mr. Moule: Yes, it is past Saint Raphael's Church.

Councilmember Cowden: Is that why it does not cross up that way too?

Mr. Moule: Not quite. There is the gravel road and Hapa Road continues and runs parallel to Kiahuna Plantation Drive. It is possible and people do walk and bike from the Po'ipū Shopping Village. The trail actually connects right at the Little Fish Coffee near the Po'ipū Beach Athletic Club tennis courts. The old Hapa Road parallels Kiahuna Plantation Drive through here and connects to this little piece that you see ending here. In theory, it is physically possible, but it is blocked by boulders to drive a four-wheel drive truck from Kiahuna Plantation Drive to Hapa Road. It is not designated as an evacuation route. It is also important to note that these homes are well above any tsunami danger. This roundabout is about thirty (30) feet of elevation, and the road climbs steadily. The homes at the top and the homes near the golf course are upwards of seventy (70) to eighty (80) feet above the ocean.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Moule: In the event of a hurricane evacuation, you will have more time, and getting out through this should not be a problem. Tsunami evacuations could be very short, but there would be no need to necessarily evacuate from these homes, because they are high enough to be outside the tsunami danger area.

Councilmember Cowden: What about fires or a fire that might be a problem? Thank you for pointing out the elevation. I have never driven near this area where it has been a traffic problem, and I was there just this week. Is there a traffic problem and congestion coming out of there?

Mr. Moule: Yes, we see that based on the net traffic analysis we did for the project. There is congestion coming out of Kiahuna Plantation Drive. With Pili Mai at Po'ipū opening in the last few years, that made it somewhat worse. We get regular complaints about that intersection. We had a request from a citizen a few months ago saying, “We need to fix this and do something about the congestion.” I travel through the area regularly and I do live on the Southside. I do not live up Kiahuna Plantation Drive, but I go up there often enough to know that there are times that there are five (5) to six (6) cars waiting at the stop sign. I am sure there are times where I have seen it and it is somewhat longer than that. However, it is not so bad right now that it is crippling. As we continue to recover and as more already entitled development occurs, that would get worse. We think a roundabout at this location it is very important, and it is widely supported by everyone who has been involved with the project. I cannot think of anyone who opposed the roundabout.
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Councillor Cowden: Okay, thank you. I can see how the roundabout would be helpful and ease a lot of that burden. Thank you.

Mr. Moule: You are welcome.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any further questions from the Members on this? Councillor Carvalho.

Councillor Carvalho: First, I would like to thank you for the presentation and helping us to understand the TIGER, BUILD, and now what is the RAISE grant. It is the same footprint and layout, but you are taking it one step at a time. To give the people a visual, would the roundabout be like the recent roundabout at Kealia on Mailihuna Road?

Mr. Moule: Yes. The size of the roundabouts are roughly the same size or slightly smaller than the existing Po’ipu roundabout. I believe the roundabout in Po’ipu is the biggest on the island. The Kealii roundabout might be smaller than the one in Po’ipu. I think it would be the same size or slightly larger than the new one at Kealii being built by the State. I would need to check on the actual dimensions. I have the files, but I do not know off the top of my head. These roundabouts will function well in these locations. The highest volume one will continue to be the existing one, based on our analysis. We think that building roundabouts at these three (3) locations will be very successful in managing the traffic both at Kiahuna Plantation Drive and Ala Kinoiki Road; and in Koloa Town, at Koloa and Po’ipu intersection.

Councillor Carvalho: Okay. Would the STIP funding be reallocated elsewhere to different projects?

Mr. Moule: Exactly.

Councillor Carvalho: That is great. Will it be focusing on road resurfacing, bridge repair, et cetera?

Mr. Moule: Yes. This project would include the road resurfacing. We need to use a small amount from the GET funds for that match purposes. However, there is still more GET funds where it can be used for road resurfacing throughout the island until we get everything paved.

Councillor Carvalho: The last question. I am following the same footprint and I can see the visual layout. I want to be sure that everything ties into Koloa Elementary School, and that the families and children can safely enter and exist this area. I see that, but I wanted to clarify it again.

Mr. Moule: Yes, it includes work at Koloa Elementary School. I should mention that there is a Koloa Elementary School Safe Routes to school project that is going to break ground in a few months. This project will include adding sidewalks alongside Pa’anau Road, which will complete the sidewalk gap between Pa’anau Village and Koloa Elementary School. Also included will be improving
sidewalks and crosswalks on Po'ipū Road near Kōloa Elementary School. The Po'ipū Road Safety and Mobility Project will dovetail into that and extend the sidewalks further to include connecting to the Koa'e Makana Affordable Housing Project further south on Po'ipū Road.

Councilmember Carvalho: Okay. Thank you. Good job.

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

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any other questions from the Members? If not, I will call this meeting back to order. Is there any final discussion? I would like to thank you, Michael. I encourage you to keep trying for the grant. I know it is a competitive grant. With the TIGER grant, we heard criticism. I can tell you that I appreciate those types of grants. I had a Councilmember from Hawai'i Island tell me that “we took their money.” They had a project that they wanted to do with TIGER grant and they only gave one (1) TIGER grant out in Hawai'i and it was to Kaua'i. I can tell you that it is money that is not easily given out. We should appreciate that money especially on a project like this. We are anticipating twenty-four million dollars ($24,000,000) worth of construction. It would take over seven million dollars ($7,000,000) worth of our money to do this. It would take us years to accumulate that type of money without putting any money towards any other projects. These types of projects help. This is a longterm vision for Kōloa that has been in the works for at least ten (10) or more years; how they wanted the roads to circulate, they understood that there was going to be more traffic in the area, and I think that this is a big step towards moving Kōloa area into the vision. I appreciate all your work on this. I am hoping we can get it. This is a competitive grant, and every county in the United States is trying to get this money. It is not given out easily. If we can get the grant, it is a big deal for us. Is there anyone else? Councilmember Evslin.

Councilmember Evslin: I would like to echo what Council Chair Kaneshiro said and thank you folks for pursuing this again. Hopefully, we will have better luck this time than with the BUILD grant. I feel it is very important to go after these Federal grants especially for these types of big projects. Not only will this have clear regional benefit, as you said, a safe route to school for a few of our workforce housing in this area, Kōloa Elementary School, but a safe route to the beach. As everyone mentioned, it is important islandwide to free up funds for other projects to move forward quickly. It may have not been said yet, helping us transition away from rental cars. There is a big push to discourage and transition away from rental cars. To do that, we need to ensure that we have ways and areas that visitors can come and get around without being forced to get a car. I think that this type of project for Po'ipū is so critical for that. I just met tourists in the airport who stayed in Po'ipū and said that they could not find or afford a rental car, but they said that they had an amazing trip. They were in Po'ipū for five (5) days with no car. They were either walking on the shoulder or they found a local person they paid to drive them around to different places on the Southside. We need to do whatever we can to make it as easy as possible for people to come who do not have a car and has an islandwide benefit with taking rental cars off the road. I am excited about this project, and I am hopeful that we get this grant this time around. Thank you for your work.
Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there anyone else? Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you. Very well said by Councilmember Evslin, and Council Chair Kaneshiro...thank you very much. Michael, great job on the layout and I am very impressed. I am impressed that we are going to match this grant with a County percentage. Infrastructure helps the economy, and I would like our people out there watching to know that these large projects do well for our economy. I am hoping we get the grant. Chair Kaneshiro, I know you expressed that you grew up in this area. This is a great vision and I feel that the local people will be very proud that there will be a walking/biking community being developed. Helping to keep the visitors in this area is also a good idea. Thank you very much.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there anyone else? Lastly, I know that we received criticism that we got the TIGER grant, and people were saying that money should go to this or to that. I want to be clear that when we apply for these grants, that money needs to go towards the work we planned for. If we get the twenty-four million dollars ($24,000,000), it must be for what we envisioned and what we planned. We are not able to say, "We have the twenty-four million dollars ($24,000,000) and we are going to spend it somewhere else on the island." With the TIGER grant, it was good money that came in and it provided construction jobs. This Kōloa plan is huge. It is double in size of what that TIGER grant was. When you look at it, there are a lot of areas that we receive complaints about: parking, crossing the street, difficult to walk around and there are no sidewalks, et cetera. This plan checks off all those boxes. The roundabout near the gas station, that area is always a mess. This will move everything forward and make life a little easier for everyone in the area. I am in favor of this. Is there any further discussion from the members?

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

The motion to approve C 2021-151 was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali‘i were excused).

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

C 2021-152 Communication (06/18/2021) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to receive and expend funds, in the amount of $50,000.00, for contract DHS-20-OYS-037, Supplement 1, and to indemnify the State of Hawai‘i, Office of Youth Services, to continue the Kaua‘i Teen Court program, which is subcontracted to Hale ‘Opio Kaua‘i, for a tentative time period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve C 2021-152, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the Councilmembers? Councilmember Cowden.
Councilmember Cowden: Who is representing them? Justin?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: We did not request anyone to be on.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I will make a comment when we are done.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Is there any discussion from the Members? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I would like to acknowledge Hale 'Opio and the important work that they do. I am thankful that we have Teen Court. It has been a great program, and this is a continuance. I would like to honor and acknowledge the role it plays in educating children about their mistakes instead of damaging their lives. Good job and thank you to our Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and Hale 'Opio.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there anyone else? If not, the motion on the floor is to approve.

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

The motion to approve C 2021-152 was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).

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

C 2021-153 Communication (06/18/2021) from the Housing Director, requesting Council approval to receive and expend an initial Emergency Housing Voucher (ERV) award, in the amount of $348,288.00, to underwrite 28 new rental assistance vouchers from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and to receive future programmatic funds from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to underwrite the ERV Voucher Program.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve a total amended amount of $503,868.00 to include $348,288.00 for the Emergency Housing Voucher Program and $155,580.00 for Administrative and Services Fees, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Housing Director Adam Roversi, I have a question. The service fees for ninety-eight thousand dollars ($98,000), I am glad we got more money to cover that. I see the administrative fees is forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000), what is ninety-eight thousand dollars ($98,000), what is the service fee? I could not figure that out.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.
Good morning, Council. Adam Roversi, Housing Director, County of Kaua‘i. I will provide a brief background that will help you understand this and make more sense. The EHV voucher program is something of a cousin to our existing Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The primary difference is that the EHV vouchers are intended to serve people who are currently homeless or have been recently homeless and are at risk of returning to a state of being homeless. The service fees can cover broad categories of additional assistance that can be provided to homeless or houseless individuals. It can cover housing search assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, landlord recruitment and retention programs, and a category of other general expenses; such as moving expenses, essential household items, or tenant readiness programs such as financial counseling. The way that the EHV program is intended to operate, different from the Section 8 program, is that rather than an applicant coming to the Housing Agency and signing up to be on the waitlist which is what happens for the Section 8 Program, an individual who would qualify is sponsored by the local Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, which on Kaua‘i, is Bridging the Gap Hawai‘i. That is the array of nonprofit groups that work with homeless individuals such as Catholic Charities, Family Life Center, et cetera. Those are the entities that we would look to provide these services. We would be able to use the service fees to help compensate them for doing that. They provide the background case management services for the people who would be referred into the EHV voucher program to receive the rent payments.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I am really happy to hear about this. I spent my week immersed in the challenges that have come from displacement of about four (4) camps from the State and one (1) from the County. When is this money going to be available? Are we receiving it and then expending it? It says July 1st. Does that mean we will get the money right away and we will be able to do the twenty-eight (28) vouchers?

Mr. Roversi: I believe we should have all the funds in-hand by July 31st, by the last day of this month. This will be a quick turnaround. We are poised to be receiving referrals from the CoC and member organizations.

Councilmember Cowden: I will tell people to call Catholic Charities or Family Life Center. Is there a phone number in case someone is watching?

Mr. Roversi: Those are two (2), but it would not be the exhaustive list. I do not have them all in front of me. There are numerous organizations that are part of the CoC.

Councilmember Cowden: If someone is watching right now, is there a number that they can call? Can they call the Housing Agency and ask for emergency housing voucher? Because there are people on the side of the road.

Mr. Roversi: To add a little more background, the organizations that make up Bridging the Gap Hawai‘i, currently work with the homeless population. They have an existing electronic database called the Coordinated Entry System (CES). They are already entering people who they provide services to into that CES. We are required by Federal law to take the referrals of the people who
are in that CES database system. I do not have the exact numbers, but I believe they have quite a few people who are already in that system. For someone who has had no contact with any Bridging the Gap Hawai‘i organizations or CoC, they would need to reach out to the CoC organization and begin working with them to be entered into the CES database system. The County does not operate, control, or enter people into this system. This is purely for nonprofit organizations’ use. We are required to take the referrals from that preexisting system. There really is no number to call to fill out an application to get yourself on the list that the Housing Agency is utilizing. That is out of our hands.

Councilmember Cowden: I believe there is a person, because I talked to her before, who does this. I am emphasizing this right now because the types of messages that are left on my phone is that individuals are left on a cot on the side of the road, having seizures, and in a motorcycle accident. I try to respond; someone is bringing them food and water. Those are the kinds of messages that I am living with it. We can take it offline, but I want a number that I have on speed dial, so that I can send it to people. You need to remember that these people do not even have a phone half the time, or someone is standing there helping them. These are crisis moments, and this is amplified because of the sweeps that have happened this week by both the State and the County. Most of those vulnerable people at Salt Pond Beach Park...we figured something out for the immediate moment. This is blind people sleeping in parking lots. This is my steady diet, and I want a phone number that I can give, even if it goes through some piece, I want to be able to help make this happen. Offline, if I can get a phone number, I want it, please. However, I am happy, thank you.

Mr. Roversi: We have an informational card that has the phone number of every Bridging the Gap Hawai‘i organization, and I would be happy to provide that to you.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a stack of those, but it does not seem to get anyone anywhere. I have them in my car, they are blue, I have them. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any further questions from the Members on this item? If not, I will call the meeting back to order. Is there any final discussion? Councilmember DeCosta.

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

Councilmember DeCosta: I would like to touch on what Councilmember Cowden was talking about. I know we really wish we had all the answers to the homeless problem. Councilmember Cowden mentioned the sweep by the County and State twice. My heart goes out to those people. I would also like to comment that there are a lot of agencies that have stepped up to the plate to make this an easier transition. A big shoutout to Kaua‘i Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH) and Wilcox Medical Center, which take in a lot of the homeless people and give them meals, a shower, and give them medical attention that they need. Let us not forget all the other people out there who have made their homes or properties available. I think that we can talk a lot about this problem, but let us remember that it is an islandwide problem. It is not only...
our problem, but it is actually the homeless people’s problem. There are opportunities for them to go to work, there are opportunities for them to try and better themselves if they are not dealing with mental health issues, and I think that we all, including the homeless, need to work together to make this a better transition. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Just in case it was not clear, I am grateful for this funding, and I am in no way trying to scold the system. I am just acknowledging that there are gaps. There are many solutions. I am very happy that Pua Loke is already taking applicants. There are many good things. I am inundated with these difficult situations and not everyone can work. I thank you, Housing Director Roversi, for the excellent work that you are doing. This has been a heavy week for me because of these actions.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there any further discussion from the Members? If not, the motion on the floor is to approve.

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

The motion to approve a total amended amount of $503,868.00 to include $348,288.00 for the Emergency Housing Voucher Program and $155,580.00 for Administrative and Services Fees was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali‘i were excused).

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

C 2021-154 Communication (06/22/2021) from the Housing Director, requesting Council approval to receive and expend Federal funds via the State of Hawai‘i, in the amount of $281,000.00, to implement a landlord-tenant mediation program as contemplated by Act 057.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve C 2021-154, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the Members on this item? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Is the mediation program going to be through Kaua‘i Economic Opportunity (KEO) or from the County directly?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Roversi: The program will likely be provided through KEO’s existing mediation program that has a contract with the Fifth Circuit Court. We have not entered or finalized that contract yet.
Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I am a member of that mediation team and I appreciate all the training that we have been getting on this. Thank you. Thank you very much for these monies. For the people who are listening, if you need mediation services, contact KEO. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any other questions from the Members?

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

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

The motion to approve C 2021-154 was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).

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

**LEGAL DOCUMENTS:**

C 2021-155 Communication (06/14/2021) from the Acting County Engineer, requesting Council acceptance of the land and construction gift from Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. and secure a Shared-Use Path Easement at the Kaua'i Coast Resort at the Beach Boy Parcel Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 4-3-002:014 (Portion). The value of the land donation is appraised at $116,759.00.

- Grant of Easement

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve C 2021-155, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the Members?

Councilmember Cowden: I just want to confirm accuracy. I have had basically the same group of concerned citizens from The Islander on the Beach asking me several questions. On the TMK, it says Kaua'i Coast Resort and Beach Boy parcel, but this is being gifted by Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. I did call them. My understanding from Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. is that they own the land underneath the accommodations, and it is a lease. Is that accurate? People are wondering how Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. can be the one granting it when it has a different name on the TMK information. It did not seem like there was any resistance from the Kaua'i Coast Resort. I know for the next one, they do own the land underneath. Can you clarify for the people watching what that relationship is and why there is a different name than what is on the TMK information?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Troy, I am not sure if you want to take a shot at answering that. I do know that we also have Sam Pratt on Microsoft Teams as well.
Councilmember Cowden: Sam is on Microsoft Teams? That is perfect.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Troy, are you able to answer that? Or Doug?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

DOUGLAS HAIGH, Chief of Buildings (via remote technology): I believe if you do a search in the Real Property Tax website, you will get the ownership information and it will reflect that Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. is the owner of the parcel, which Sam Pratt can certainly verify. Yes, they are the appropriate owners to talk to in this situation. We have been assisted by experts in real estate transactions on this, so they are the ones who have directed us that the easement document should be with Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, thank you. I am just really asking the questions on behalf of the citizens. If Sam has something he wants to say, I am happy to hear it.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: I think that was clear, but Sam, if you wanted to say anything, please do so.

SAMUEL PRATT, President, Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. (via remote technology): Sure. I am just confirming exactly what Doug shared. We own the fee simple property at both areas, the Kaua’i Shores and also the land underneath the different units at the Beach Boy Resort there. We are in full support of the path. We have always been supportive of the path. We look forward to seeing it be completed in our future and we have worked with Doug for several years on the design and different routing options. We have tried to come up with the best way forward. Given that the County has the beach access near the Kaua’i Shores and a beach reserve parcel fronting those properties as well, we feel very supportive of this routing. As the fee simple owners, we have signed off on having this transferred over to the County.

Councilmember Cowden: Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any further questions from the Members? Is there any final discussion from the Members? Councilmember Carvalho.

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

Councilmember Carvalho: I just wanted to say mahalo to Sam Pratt and the Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. Mahalo nui. It is important that we finish this portion of the path that will take us all the way to Lydgate. For the land company to come forward and gift the land portion, we are so appreciative of that. At the same time, I know there are issues along the way, but we need to complete this and get it moving forward. A lot of people are utilizing this path from locals to visitors, everyone. I have seen it. I think it is a good thing. Mahalo, again, for your gift. We look forward to working together overall in completion of this project. Mahalo.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Evslin.
Councilmember Evslin: I just wanted to echo Councilmember Carvalho. Huge appreciation to Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd., Sam Pratt, and everyone involved here with this land donation. They have been supportive of the path and the concept, and they could have just said, “No, County, you have to condemn this land.” Instead, they are giving the land to the County at no cost, which is huge. I appreciate their support for the path and their gift to complete this pivotal portion here.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there any other discussion from the Members? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I also want to echo my gratitude. I know there are also two (2) more adjacent parcels. I do not know if they have been set aside or not, that are also what you all own. While I support the community concern about beach coastal erosion, that does not in any way soften my gratitude for land partners that work with the community and the County to create solutions like this. Certainly, lateral coastal access is critical. On the Northeast side, we have routinely denied it. It is such a blessing that the Eastside has a long strip of coastal path. I want to acknowledge with gratitude the lateral coastal access and your role in that, Sam.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there any other discussion from the Members?

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

The motion to approve C 2021-155 was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).

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

C 2021-156 Communication (06/14/2021) from the Acting County Engineer, requesting Council acceptance of the land and construction gift from Niu Pia Land Company, Ltd. and secure a Shared-Use Path Easement at the Kaua'i Shores Parcel Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 4-3-002:012 (Portion). The value of the land donation is appraised at $35,400.00.

• Grant of Easement

Councilmember Carvalho moved to approve C 2021-156, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the Members? This is like the last item that we had.

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

The motion to approve C 2021-156 was then put and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali'i were excused).
Council Chair Kaneshiro: The motion is carried. Next item.

CLAIMS:

C 2021-157 Communication (06/18/2021) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua‘i by Eugene C. Ancheta, for damage to his vehicle, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua‘i.

C 2021-158 Communication (06/23/2021) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua‘i by Maria Romera, for damage to her vehicle, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua‘i.

Councilmember Carvalho moved to refer C 2021-157 and C 2021-158 to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any 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 refer C 2021-157 and C 2021-158 to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council was then put, and carried by a vote of 5:0:2 (Councilmember Chock and Councilmember Kuali‘i were excused).

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2021-25 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (V. Pamai Cano)

Councilmember Carvalho moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-25, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the Members? Is there any other discussion from the Members? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I just want to thank Pamai for being willing to serve. Having worked with her before and looking at the extensive elements of her resume, while I appreciate everyone who is appointed for a board or commission, I have confidence that this is going to be a person who will strengthen the commission because of her relationship with unions and decades in human resources. From a private-sector perspective, she understands that as well. I appreciate having the private sector come in to help guide the public sector and certainly look at our collective bargaining work that we cannot even participate in. That is a struggle for me. I think she is somebody who can add to that collective bargaining conversation.
Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there any further discussion? If not, roll call vote.

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

The motion for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-25 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION: Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta Evanslin, Kaneshiro TOTAL – 5, AGAINST ADOPTION: None TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING: Chock, Kuali’i TOTAL – 2,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING: None TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Five (5) ayes, two (2) excused.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Next item.

Resolution No. 2021-26 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN “AUTHORIZED PARKING ONLY – TOW AWAY ZONE” (NO-PARKING ZONE) AND A “30-MINUTE PARKING - TOW AWAY ZONE” (TIME-LIMIT PARKING ZONE) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER, COUNTY OF KAUA‘I ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND OPERATIONS BASEYARD PARKING LOTS, LIHU‘E DISTRICT, COUNTY OF KAUA‘I

Councilmember Carvalho moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-26, seconded by Councilmember Cowden.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Is there any other discussion from the Members? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Thank you. When I look at the need to have tow-away zones and 30-minute parking areas, my presumption is that this is needed because we just filled a parking lot with fifty-five (55) housing units that do not really have much of their own parking lot. I can understand why there is going to be congestion in the Department of Water (DOW) parking lot. I am going to definitely support this. I am just curious if there is someone online here that can answer where these housing units are going to park.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The units at the housing project?
Councilmember Cowden: Yes. I am just wondering where they are going to park. I am looking at the design of this. The 30-minute parking is reasonable. Did the Department of Water want to share anything? I am willing to hear it.
Council Chair Kaneshiro: I do not think Mark is going to be able to answer where the affordable housing unit residents are going to park. I believe they have a designated parking area in their property. If there is overflow, then they are going to have to find parking elsewhere. I am sure Mark can answer any questions regarding the Department of Water parking.

Councilmember Cowden: Mark, do you think it is enough? I know in the past people have often parked where the buildings are now when you want to go to either the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) or the DOW area. I know I used to. I used to just park in that parking lot there. Do we have enough for our DOW staff? I see that Adam is online too, so he might know about the Pua Loke parking.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

MARK KNOFF, P.E., Chief Manager and Engineer (via remote technology): Councilmember Cowden, I heard most of your questions. For the parking, I have been coordinating with Adam Roversi from the Housing Agency, and with the Department of Public Works. I know there is some parking available on the property itself. There is also some on-street parking that will be available, but will be somewhat limited. Our concern obviously, as you indicated, is that we will end up with some overflow parking in our parking lot, and we are in a limited situation. Once we have hired all the employees that we are eligible to hire, we ourselves do not have enough parking and are looking at other means by which we would be able to control our overflow parking. That is the purpose of this Resolution. We believe we have enough 30-minute parking to address our customers. If not, we will be looking to expand that as needed for our customers. One thing that has reduced the number of customers is our drive-thru services. That has helped us with that immensely. We continually see a lot of people using the drive-thru drop box instead of coming in to use our services. That has helped immensely. We are looking to eliminate any future potential problems between ourselves and the housing units that are being built in our vicinity.

Councilmember Cowden: I just want to thank DOW for the drive-thru. It is always good when we come up with elements that are efficient. I have always had my bill be paid via automatic payment, and I know many people are doing that in a way that I think is less of an issue than what it was in the past when people would drive up, park, and pay. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Evslin.

Councilmember Evslin: Thank you, Council Chair. I see in the transmittal it says that the Department of Public Works did not have any comments on the proposal. If Troy is online, I just wanted to quickly confirm that the Department of Public Works did not have any comments or concerns.
TROY K. TANIGAWA, Acting County Engineer (via remote technology): Good morning. I have been listening to Mark's statements this morning. We have reviewed this Resolution and we do not have any comments.

Councilmember Evslin: Okay, thank you. Sorry, Adam, are you still online as well?

Mr. Roversi: Yes, I am still here.

Councilmember Evslin: Just to expand a little on Councilmember Cowden's questions...if someone is going to visit someone who lives in one of these units, where do they park or where will they park?

Mr. Roversi: The Ke Alaula on Pua Loke project, which is already complete, has its own designated parking both on Pua Loke Street and around the corner, across the street from KEO. I would have to get back to you on exactly the number of parking stalls and how many guest stalls there are. I do not know that information off the top of my head. The Pua Loke project being finished up across the street has its own onsite parking lot and they are also designing approximately ten (10) streetside parking spots or cutouts that will be in the sidewalk once it is completed. There will be a limited number of parking spots there. The folks at the Ahe Group and the folks who will be managing Pua Loke have tentatively asked the Housing Agency to work with the Department of Public Works to pursue having those on-street parking spots all be short-term parking, so that we do not have residents using them and that the residents stay in the designated spots that are onsite and assigned to their units. We have not yet put together a proposal to bring to Council or worked with the Department of Public Works to finalize any proposal for those streetside spots. The Ahe Group...this was not originally part of their permits, but they have agreed voluntarily...and this came out of a discussion with DOW and Mark...they have agreed to restripe Pua Loke Street to define the lanes more clearly, as well as potentially put in a turning lane where Pua Loke enters the main street that goes back and forth between Rice Street and Kukui Grove. That should hopefully help with some of the parking. It has admittedly been a very tight spot over there with DOW trying to function and all the construction happening at the Pua Loke site and at Ke Alaula across the street, with all the construction workers and their trucks, the heavy machinery, and the deliveries. It has no doubt been challenging for the folks at DOW, so we appreciate their cooperation. The end is near. Hopefully, things will be smooth now.

Councilmember Evslin: Thank you. Back to Mark. In the map here, it shows the majority is authorized parking only and a tow-away zone, along with approximately twenty (20) or so stalls. Do all those empty out at the end of the workday at around 5:00 p.m.?

Mr. Knoff: Most do, but not all. We have one (1) vehicle that we leave parked in the parking lot overnight. Most of the vehicles that are parked in front of our current administration building would empty out. That is typically used by personnel who are possibly called in on emergencies or something like that. They could be using that parking location. The same thing for the area to the south where
we call the south end, which is in front of the old administration building. Again, if we get called out on the weekend or at late hours, sometimes we will have staff parking in those areas. Outside of that, most of the issues currently stem from folks who have been parking in our parking lot we have staff coming in at 6:00 a.m. and these other persons have not vacated the spots. We then do not have enough parking for everyone. Again, if everyone that has a car, not a government vehicle, because those we can park inside our yard...and I have directed folks to park them inside the yard, we are still short parking spots. Usually we have five to ten percent (5-10%) on vacation and that is what allows us to have at least a few parking spots for visitors.

Councilmember Evslin: Thank you. What I am getting at with my questions and my only real concern is that we have a big residential development coming up nearby and we have a parking lot that will be barely utilized between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., that maybe there may be room for some collaboration there where residents could use that for overflow parking for guests only during those evening hours. If you look around Lihu’e, we have a huge excess of mismatched parking lots. There is a lot of demand for parking during certain hours and there are totally empty parking otherwise. If we could collaborate these two (2) things to line up better so that they could take advantage of the lot, that would be great. I understand maybe the concern here is that if that were allowed, maybe people would leave their cars there until the morning hours and there would be no parking for the people showing up at work in the morning. All that said, was there some deliberation of that as a potential concept and that it was perhaps thrown out for various reasons?

Mr. Knoff: That aspect was not looked into, Councilmember Evslin. I do not know if I would be...I would be more inclined for the spots in front of the old administration building as they are closer to the entrance to the entire affordable housing projects. I would be more inclined to consider that option and I do not know if I would then have to come back to the Council then to put hours that they would be available or if we could have a memorandum of understanding between us and the facility that if we do find folks parked there and it is not emptied before 6:00 a.m., we would assume that visitors would come sometime after 5:00 p.m. and would be gone before 6:00 a.m.

Councilmember Evslin: I do not want to push you to try to amend this Resolution in any capacity. I certainly support the intent and I see how it is needed to have that lot cleared during daytime hours. Maybe it is a hope that as the residential units get filled, that we have some flexibility at relooking at this if there is a parking crunch in being able to use some of these spots in the evening. I hope that you would be open to that in the future.

Mr. Knoff: Okay.

Councilmember Evslin: Thank you.
Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I am going to support this Resolution without any amendments. I appreciate what Councilmember Evslin is talking about in looking for solutions for other problems. I wonder if there has been outreach to Kukui Grove.
Right now, when the movie theater is not active, there is a whole bunch of empty parking back there. I do not know who has bought that building. I think it has been purchased or it has been in escrow. It might be wise of us to at least ask what is going on over there. Maybe we can either lease a little bit of parking or if they are going to have something intense like a movie theater, there is always spillover whenever there is a good movie playing into the lot where Pua Loke is now. Just taking a broad view has value, but it does not change my support for this Resolution.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any further questions from the Members on this item? Is there any final discussion from the Members? If not, roll call vote.

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

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

The motion for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-26 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION: Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta Evslin, Kaneshiro TOTAL - 5,

AGAINST ADOPTION: None TOTAL - 0,

EXCUSED & NOT VOTING: Chock, Kuali‘i TOTAL - 2,

RECUSED & NOT VOTING: None TOTAL - 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Five (5) ayes, two (2) excused.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: That is the last item on our agenda. Not seeing or hearing any objections, this Council Meeting is now adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk