

PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Arryl Kaneshiro, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 1:49 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Lihu'e, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Excused: Honorable Arthur Brun
Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

“Bill No. 2682 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2017-821, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND (*Parks & Recreation Improvements (Operating Budget)*)”; and

“Bill No. 2683 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2017-822, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND-CIP (*Parks & Recreation Improvements (CIP Budget)*),”

which were ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on January 10, 2018, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on January 17, 2018.

The hearing proceeded as follows:

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: Chair, we have no registered speakers and no written testimony on Bill No. 2682, as well as for Bill No. 2683.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Anyone in the audience wishing to testify on these? This is the Parks money, not roads. This is the money that exceeded our reserve target point and we are using that money to do capital projects. We went

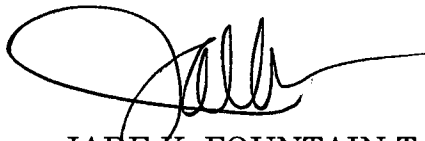
through it last time on what the projects were, but it exceeded our thirty percent (30%) reserve target that we were going for on the last budget.

LONNIE SYKOS: For the record, Lonnie Sykos. Returning to my earlier theme, my question is why these items were not included in the budget. Whether it is a basketball court resurfacing or the need to make improvements at a comfort station, all the items were listed. This is just normal business. This should have been planned for in the Parks' Master Plan for Maintenance and Repairs. It makes our entire budget process somewhat meaningless to apparently, intentionally not put these items in the budget in order to meet some theoretical budget goal and then turn about in the middle of the budget year and say, "We need this extra money for what is apparently routine repair and maintenance." My observation is that yes the work needs to get done and I am not privy to the details of how critical it is or what liabilities there are for the public in getting sued if it is not done. But on the practical side of how do you deal with the budget, the response should be, "No, you should have put it in the budget." I do not have an opinion on whether or not you should approve this funding, because I do not know what liability there is and I do not know the impact that it has on the usability of our park resources. This is just plain wrong. This should not be coming to us in the middle of the budget season saying that we need all of this additional money for things that should have been planned for. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Anyone else in the audience wishing to testify on this? Seeing none, this public hearing is now adjourned.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk

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