

PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 28, 2017

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Mel Rapozo, Chair, Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 1:34 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Lihue, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Not Present: Honorable Arthur Brun

Excused: Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura

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

“Bill No. 2657 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR BARGAINING UNITS 3 AND 4 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2017 AND JUNE 30, 2019,”

which was ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on May 31, 2017, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on June 7, 2017.

SCOTT K. SATO, Deputy County Clerk: We received no written testimony and have two (2) registered speakers. The first registered speaker is Duke Nakamatsu, followed by Joycelyn “Jolly” Iwata.

JOYCELYN “JOLLY” IWATA: I will speak first.

Council Chair Rapozo: The light will turn green, you will have three (3) minutes, orange will mean thirty (30) seconds left, and then red means that your time is up. You will have two (2) opportunities at three (3) minutes each.

Ms. Iwata: Thank you. My name is Joycelyn “Jolly” Iwata and I am a Unit 3 member of Hawai'i Government Employees Association (HGEA). I am also a State Board of Director and I represent thousands of members Statewide. My commitment to the members of HGEA is to be their voice and to fight for our working benefits and services. Today, I ask for all of your support for the Hawai'i Government Employees Association arbitrated decision. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Next speaker, Duke.

DUKE NAKAMATSU: Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Duke Nakamatsu and I am the Chair for Bargaining Unit 3, Kaua'i Island Division, HGEA. I am also employed by the County of Kaua'i and one of the negotiators for Bargaining