

CIP Budget – Department of Public Works & All Other Departments

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The Committee reconvened on March 28, 2023 at 9:01 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: We will call the Budget meeting to order, March 28, 2023. Before we get started, we, and thanks to Mr. Dahilig, when we went through the General Excise Tax (GET) Public Works Operating Budget, there are a slew of projects, large ticket items, that are in that Budget and not in the CIP. If there is no objection, I am going to add the GET Operating Budget major projects at the end of today's agenda. Those are road paving or resurfacing projects. Is there no objection? Thank you very much. With that, I will suspend the rules. Is there anyone in the audience wishing to testify before we get into the CIP projects today?

There being no objections, the rules were suspended to take public testimony.

Council Chair Rapozo: If not, I will call the meeting back to order.

There being no one present to provide testimony, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: We will start off where we left off with Public Works, Solid Waste. I asked if you could do all the Solid Waste projects, so we can get that out of the way. To help us out if you could reference the page number on the sheet.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

TROY K. TANIGAWA, County Engineer: Good morning, Council Chair and Councilmembers. Troy Tanigawa for the record. With me is Todd Ozaki and Allison Fraley from Solid Waste.

TODD OZAKI, Executive Assistant to the Mayor: We left off on page 4. Sixth from the bottom row is the new landfill.

Council Chair Rapozo: \$2,000,000 of new money in addition to the \$600,000, so we have \$2,600,000. I know we just had the update not long ago, but if you want to give us an overview again of this specific \$2,600,000.

ALLISON FRALEY, Environmental Services Manager: Yes. Thank you, Council. My name is Allison Fraley, Solid Waste Division. At this point, we have identified a site that the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) has pointed out for us. We are in the

process of getting a consultant on board to do preliminary engineering to establish whether the site is feasible from an engineering perspective. We will be coming to you soon to approve the Right-of-Entry to do that work. The work is going to be an initial site report, a topographic survey, a site development plan, and a planning-level cost estimate. That is the initial work that will be done to assess feasibility. The additional \$2,000,000 would be for a thirty percent (30%) design, community outreach, and also an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that would happen prior to the actual design.

Council Chair Rapozo: The last go-around, they did a site study, and they came up with all these options. That was not done in this case? This is, again, as you described it, we have a willing landowner in this case. Now, we are going to try and assess to see if it is feasible.

Ms. Fraley: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Are there any other questions for Solid Waste as far as this \$2,600,000? Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: Does this \$2,600,000, is that part of where there is a request for proposal (RFP) out for looking at different technologies and providers that are in there that would funnel into here?

Ms. Fraley: No, that is separate.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Kualii: Just looking at this comment that says, "\$432,808 remaining from Fiscal Year 2023." If that is what is remaining and you are adding \$2,000,000, why does it say \$2,600,000? Should it not be \$2,432,808? Right there in the chart there.

Council Chair Rapozo: Well, because you have \$600,000 in that line right now. We have not spent anything yet.

Councilmember Kualii: But the comment says, "\$432,808 remaining from Fiscal Year 2023."

Mr. Ozaki: We can confirm this, but it is a high possibility that the amount spent is not yet reflected in these numbers. We did the pull from February, so there is a high chance that some of the spend down occurred between now and February.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Councilmember Kualii: The \$2,600,000 is overstated?

Council Chair Rapozo: It could be.

Mr. Ozaki: More than likely, yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: If not, you have \$600,000. Whatever is left over will just carry over into that column, right?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Councilmember Kualii: I am just saying either the third to last column is wrong, or the last column is wrong because the comment says \$432,808 remains. It is just \$200,000.

Council Chair Rapozo: It also says, "funds to be encumbered," so it has not been encumbered. It is still part of that \$600,000.

Councilmember Kualii: I guess the word "remaining" to me means that is what you have left.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: It is just a simple question. For this \$2,000,000, do we already have a vendor that we are going to work with a consultant? When it is this broad of a number, we are in the starting phase that we have not found our consultant, are we just giving ourselves a ballpark figure? Is that correct?

Ms. Fraley: Correct.

Councilmember Cowden: What is the timeframe that we would expect this \$2,000,000 study? It seemed like when we did Ma'alo it felt like, this is probably an exaggeration, but it felt like I went to meetings for ten (10) years on that. I do not know how long it really was, but it seemed like we were asking the community and trying to figure it out for a long time. Then we came to Ma'alo. How long is this \$2,000,000 study?

Ms. Fraley: I know the preliminary portion we planned to be about a year. I am not sure. It could take a couple more years for the EIS.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Troy, do you remember how long that study was? Perhaps Councilmember Carvalho does. It seemed like we put out so much energy into it.

Mr. Tanigawa: That study took a while.

Councilmember Cowden: Like years, right?

Mr. Tanigawa: Yes. You know, I have to say that was the first effort in several decades to identify a new landfill site. This go-around, we are taking lessons learned from that effort.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Tanigawa: We are applying it here.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Tanigawa: I am hoping that if there are any deal breakers at that site, we will know pretty quick and early.

Councilmember Cowden: Early. Okay. I just remember people who brought their kids, it seemed like they were toddlers and then they were in middle school or something by the time we finished it. Kids grew up in that process. Okay. So, we can apply some of that knowledge and get through it faster.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions related to the \$2,600,000? I see what you are saying Councilmember Kualii with the remaining, so that probably needs to be adjusted in that column. Thank you. Alright, next line or landfill.

Mr. Ozaki: Are there any questions on that line?

Councilmember Cowden: Which one?

Mr. Ozaki: Going down the list, next would be Solid Waste Solutions.

Councilmember Cowden: Did we already do the Landfill Monitoring Wells? Did we do that already? Above it there are other ones.

Ms. Fraley: This is the \$400,000 item, right?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Ms. Fraley: Yes. This is maintenance of the Kekaha Landfill. It is described as Monitoring Wells, but there are actually two (2) projects. Monitoring Wells is less expensive. We need upgradient wells from the landfill so that we can test the ground water and know what the baseline is. We are working with ADC to get their Board to approve a long-term land lease so we can just place those wells. Otherwise, it would be on the highway, which is a little more dangerous.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Ms. Fraley: That is that part. We have not allocated those funds. We are also going to work on landfill gas header installation. There is a design that Geosyntec, our current consultant, has put together going to bid to get that work done. We have encumbered \$300,000 for that project. This is just Landfill maintenance and permitting.

Councilmember Cowden: This Solid Waste Solutions it says, "\$32,808" and that is remaining dollars? Is that what we are looking at now?

Mr. Ozaki: I am sorry, Councilmember Cowden. We moved up two (2) spots up to the Kekaha Landfill Monitoring Wells.

Council Chair Rapozo: You know what? Because we are jumping all over the place and I am getting confused, which is not hard to do, we are going down line by line.

Councilmember Kualii: Chair, let me make a comment first.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Kualii: If we remember when we were here last, what we had talked about was the second column is the new money which is in this year's budget. If we are talking about this year's budget, let us try and limit our questions to this year's budget. The \$2,000,000 was the next item, and then the next item is the \$525,000.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, but first of all, for those of us that were not here last year...

Councilmember Kualii: You need to read.

Council Chair Rapozo: No, no, no. I need to know if that is still active. You could put money in the CIP, and you could leave it there forever and ever and ever and ever, and if we are not going to use it, then it should not be there.

Councilmember Kualii: Let me ask one more question, then. Can we assume that if it is here, it is still active? You would take it out if it was not, right?

Mr. Ozaki: There will be some line items that have very small dollar amounts the comment may show that it is closed or is closing. That is specified in the description. I cannot say as a blanket statement that they are all closed.

Councilmember Kualii: Yes, so a very small remaining balance would have a comment that says it is completed. Now you just have to do some kind of transaction and move that money back?

Mr. Ozaki: Correct.

Councilmember Kualii: But it would not be \$400,000?

Mr. Ozaki: Correct.

Councilmember Kualii: So, that is ongoing, prior Budget money that is in place to continue doing what you said you would do last year?

Mr. Ozaki: That is correct.

Councilmember Kualii: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: We are at BMP Transfer Stations. Again, \$1,080,962. It has been procured, plans, construction summer of 2023.

Ms. Fraley: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is correct?

Ms. Fraley: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: We are getting ready?

Ms. Fraley: We are getting ready to go out for bid for construction.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go out to bid? This thing says it has already been procured.

Ms. Fraley: That is the construction management.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Installation of solar spark flare, pending Grove Farm's approval. Where are we on that? Are we still pending Grove Farm's approval?

Ms. Fraley: We are still continuing to work with, yes, Grove Farm.

Council Chair Rapozo: Again, now this is why. I am not sure initially when this was put in.

Ms. Fraley: A couple years ago

Councilmember Cowden: We are kind of going above.

Councilmember Carvalho: We are going back above?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, I am going to go right down because once we clear the item we are done.

Councilmember Kagawa: Are you going down or are we going up?

Council Chair Rapozo: We are going down.

Councilmember Cowden: Well...

Mr. Ozaki: We are starting higher and going down.

Council Chair Rapozo: But we will start...

Councilmember Carvalho: Wait, now. Just so I could...

Ms. Fraley: We started low and then we went up.

Councilmember Kualii: That is not what I said.

Councilmember Carvalho: Last time, we just did zeroes, yes?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, but...

Councilmember Carvalho: But you are saying we are going through every one now?

Council Chair Rapozo: Right, but if there are questions. I just want to make sure.

Councilmember Kagawa: What item are we at now, Chair?

Council Chair Rapozo: What was that?

Councilmember Kagawa: What item are we at?

Council Chair Rapozo: Halehaka Landfill Gas System, installation of a solar spark flare.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Again, this is zero (0) new money, but that is \$200,000 in there.

Councilmember Kagawa: Of course.

Council Chair Rapozo: And I am not sure. How long have we been waiting for Grove Farm's approval?

Ms. Fraley: It has been a few months. They just had a change in management, but we continue to contact them. This can only help with Halehaka because we will get more accurate readings from the gas, and we will be able to develop a post-closure plan that is more accurate if we install this tiny flare.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. That \$200,000 is done.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a very simple question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: What does BMP stand for?

Ms. Fraley: Best Management Practices.

Council Chair Rapozo: On the Solid Waste Solutions, small money in there. \$32,808 remaining, but no new money. Kekaha Landfill Expansion.

Councilmember DeCosta: Wait, I have a question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay, go ahead.

Councilmember DeCosta: I had a question on that one, on Solid Waste Solutions. Is it safe to say, we talked about the MRF and the C&D. How about that halfway bridge plan? Remember, I asked you folks about that last Budget? We had \$300,000 allocated towards the study on whether or not we could convert that plant into burning some of our trash. \$300,000 was spent. I want to know. Can we move on to that plant now? Are we going to find out more information? I notice we have \$500,000 towards a C&D project that I read in the CIP. Are we going to put any money towards that plant and how much money would we have to put towards that plant to divert some of our trash to burn?

Ms. Fraley: Thank you. Now we are in the phase of finding out and doing the study for alternative technologies for landfill. In a couple of weeks, we are going to put in a request to meet at a Committee Meeting so that our consultant, Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc. (HDR), can tell us the result of the study that they did where they analyzed different alternatives to landfill. They are going to talk about going out to bid and the two (2) phase processes to be able to evaluate those. That is when technologies can come and propose to be able to manage Kaua'i's waste long-term.

Councilmember DeCosta: Allison, would that process be quick enough for us to implement it in this Budget or would we lose this window, and we would have to wait until next year? What if the consultant said, "Hey, for \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 we could convert

that plant into burning 'x' amount or percentage of our waste?" Maybe this might be the Budget to put it in or if that happens then we have to wait until the next Budget?

Ms. Fraley: We just signed the Amendment, and it is a one (1) year term for them to do the two (2) phase process. It would probably be next year.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you for that, Allison.

Ms. Fraley: Sure.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. The last landfill item, \$525,000 for the lateral expansion over Phase I. I think that was covered in the update.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: You had the different options.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any questions on that? I had one question that I failed to ask at the update. Phase I, as we know, is not lying.

Ms. Fraley: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do we do water studies from the ground water? Do we do any kind of contamination studies? If we do, how often do we do it? My concern is what is dropping in the water from Phase I.

Mr. Tanigawa: Council Chair, thank you for the question. Yes, there are quarterly ground water samplings done at the Kekaha Landfill. Before the cell two (2) lateral expansion was built, there were ground water testing wells or sampling wells between Phase I and II. We had Phase I in semi-annual sampling and Phase II under quarterly detection sampling. Now that the two (2) landfills are together, the entire site is sampled and analyzed for contamination on a quarterly basis. The well that we spoke about in the other CIP Budget item will add to the monitoring at the landfill. The intent of putting a well further upgrade of that is to get a different sample point. The statistical analysis that is done evaluates whether there is contamination coming from the existing landfill or pre-landfill construction, or operation contamination.

Council Chair Rapozo: Like the plantation?

Mr. Tanigawa: Yes, from the plantation days. That site was used prior to even Phase I operating as a dumping area by the plantation. There is arsenic, actually, that has been detected from prior use. In fact, that whole Kekaha plain where sugarcane was being farmed has levels of arsenic, I believe, from rat poison.

Council Chair Rapozo: Who does the monitoring, the testing?

Mr. Tanigawa: We hire consultants.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: One, you folks gave us that presentation, thank you so much, I believe I asked them if I could have a copy of the few water samples.

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: I am not sure. If it got to me, I did not find it.

Ms. Fraley: I am so sorry. That was sent over late, but I believe I saw it get transmitted last week.

Councilmember Cowden: Oh, okay.

Ms. Fraley: It should be with you folks. We did include the water samples and answered all the questions that you had.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I am sure the staff will get that to me.

Ms. Fraley: Sorry that it is tardy.

Councilmember Cowden: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Carvalho.

Councilmember Carvalho: What is the, just for clarification, the maximum time for this expansion?

Ms. Fraley: The maximum capacity or how many years?

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes, both.

Ms. Fraley: Yes. I know it in years by heart which is twenty-five (25) years. That would be at the higher level, though, at the level that we are going up for Phase II vertically, the height would be around two hundred (200) feet.

Council Chair Rapozo: You said if Phase II gets approved and... Go ahead.

Ms. Fraley: Phase II can only go to one hundred seventy-one (171) feet if it is just standing on its own. If we were to go over Phase I, we would be able to have a bigger footprint, equipment could roam around more easily, and we could go higher.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, you are saying if we get the Phase I lateral and the Phase II vertical, then that gives us twenty-five (25) years?

Ms. Fraley: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Are there any other questions? Are there any other questions for landfill? Alright. That was quick.

Ms. Fraley: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: We will move on to Wastewater. Good morning. Alright, the first two (2) lines are complete. Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: I just have such a hard time with acronyms. What is SCADA? When I know what I am looking at it connects better.

DONN KAKUDA, Civil Engineer VI: I am sorry, Councilmember Cowden. Donn Kakuda for the record. I forgot the acronym, too, but it is like our alarm system, basically.

Councilmember Cowden: Our alarm system. Like security, maybe?

Mr. Kakuda: No, I mean for our pumps and whatnot. It measures all the water levels and whatnot, so when you have a problem the SCADA system alerts us. It sends us alarms.

Councilmember Cowden: If we have a problem, the SCADA system is going to be flagging them?

Mr. Kakuda: It calls me and other operators. It tells us what the problem is, and we need to respond.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Alright, so it has been fixed? Alright, good. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Wailua Manhole Upgrades, again, no new money. Let us go on to page 5.

Mr. Ozaki: I am sorry, Council Chair.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Mr. Ozaki: For Wailua Manhole Upgrades, this is just one of those particular projects where there are multiple funding sources. You will see it show up several times here.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay.

Mr. Ozaki: The last line item for that particular project will have the added funds.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay.

Councilmember Cowden: All that is proceeding as planned? The manhole upgrades. They are all going fine.

Mr. Kakuda: Right now, we are waiting for two (2) change orders. We awarded the contract, and we have to do a bypass near the Wailua Bridge. I know there is other work going on over there, so we are trying to coordinate that right now. We are waiting for the two (2) changes to come in and then we are going to use some of this money to pay for them to move forward.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, Coco Palms and Kaua'i Sands SPS Building Modifications. What is that?

Mr. Kakuda: We need to erect a structure to protect the generator and backup generator. It is \$1,500,000. For this one, we have two (2) existing buildings at that corner.

Council Chair Rapozo: This is the one at the bottom of Haleilio Road, right?

Mr. Kakuda: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: The one that makes that smell?

Councilmember Cowden: Yes.

Mr. Kakuda: We have two (2) existing buildings, and both of the existing generators are inoperable right now. That is why there is a big generator outside for the backup. The portable one. This project is to fix both buildings so we can install two (2) new emergency generators that we have in our possession right now. That project just got bid out and we are in the process of awarding it. The winning bid came in at \$1,200,000.

Council Chair Rapozo: What do these buildings look like? I am just curious. I understand that construction prices are high, but \$1,200,000?

Mr. Kakuda: This one is kind of hard to explain. The problem with this one is we need to flip out the electrical.

Council Chair Rapozo: You need to what?

Mr. Kakuda: The electrical. The electrical and the mechanical is what is really expensive. To meet the new quotes, we need to flipflop the buildings, basically. We need to switch the electrical for both of them to make the new generators work in them. That is why it is really expensive.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Got it. Are there any other questions? We will not get into the smell here. Līhu'e Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Upgrades. That money was moved. Is that why we are showing a negative?

Mr. Kakuda: We just encumbered the contracts. They just gave the Notice To Proceed (NTP) last week or so. That money is spent.

Council Chair Rapozo: Sewage Pump Station Renovation, \$500,000?

Mr. Kakuda: For that one, I just got the proposal from the consultant for the first \$300,000, so we can work on that contract real soon. I have been discussing with them the \$500,000 we are going to spend next year. Basically, we want to fix two (2) pump stations in Wailua that are on the Aleka Loop. We have two (2) pump stations on that one and they are old. That is what the money is going to do. It is going to be for planning and design to fix those.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: A couple Budgets ago we were going to be putting, maybe two (2) or three (3) Budgets, we were needing to put a sleeve in between those pump stations. Remember that area where the pipe was rotting out and leaking? Did that all get completed?

Mr. Kakuda: The only one I remember doing that to was between the Hanamā'ulu and Kapaia pump station. I am not sure if you are referring to that one.

Councilmember Cowden: It seemed like we had a problem right there, kind of where the hotel is and it is going down to Lydgate, you know? We had something blow out right there and it was leaking really bad. It was kind of a big problem and so we were talking about how all of these pipes were aged and rotting, and it is very expensive to replace the pipes, so we were going to put a sleeve in there at that time when we were talking about the pumps being old. Just the whole system is a little shot. I am wondering if we have bigger

and better pipes. Forgive me, I am not a Machinist or a Mechanic, and I know sometimes you fix part of your car and then as soon as you fix it in an old car something else breaks because a new part is functioning better than the rest of the system. I am just curious. When we fix those pumps, how are the pipes around them?

Mr. Kakuda: The one you are referring to is when we had that break in Wailua. In the past, in 2005, they redid all the pipes from that manhole all the way down to the plant, but that manhole to the road was not fixed because it was hard to do. That pipe was left in place. It was old. That is the one that broke. When it broke, we went in, fixed the two pipes in the area because we closed down the road. Basically, those two (2) all the way to the plant from that point are pretty new, 2005-ish. To answer your question about the pumps versus the pipes, I do not think they are correlated. Once the pipes get older than fifty (50) years old, we need to start looking at them, inspecting it and figuring out how we are going to line them or replace them.

Councilmember Cowden: But we are not going to hurt the pipes when we fix the pumps? We are pretty clear on that.

Mr. Kakuda: Obviously, we are not going to put in pumps that are so powerful that it is going to blast it out or anything like that.

Councilmember Cowden: That it is going to break.

Mr. Kakuda: Just to turn back to it. When we did that emergency repair, that is why these manhole upgrades came in. When we looked into the manholes, they were really bad, so we wanted to fix the manholes, too. That is what this other project is on here for.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, because it seemed to me all this whole system went in at the same time for the most part, so the whole thing probably exhausted equally.

Mr. Kakuda: It is not on the CIP Budget, but the Administration, we applied for a Federal grant to inspect the Wailua area. Come October, we are going to get \$1,200,000. We need to work on our match, but then the idea is that we would inspect as much of Wailua as possible with that money.

Councilmember Cowden: That is when we put like a camera with a light on it down through the pipes and we are looking.

Mr. Kakuda: I just know when something starts to rot, even if it is rotting in one place, then it is rotting somewhere else. Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: I want to just make a comment on Councilmember Cowden's point of view there. I think she was spot on about those pipes. When you change those pumps, the pounds per square inch (PSI) can be a little higher, and if those pumps have some rusted spots, it can blow out new holes. If we are in the area and we are already working there and it is fixed, then we do not want to go back in. However, if we are working in a new area, we want to look at all those pipes in the area.

DONALD FUJIMOTO, Civil Engineer VI: Good point. Right now, again, we are trying to prioritize what is really necessary. For now, we are addressing the pump stations. We are hoping that the pipe will not blow up or fail, but it is substantially more to change out the pipeline with the pump station. The priority is with the pump station and that is what we are focusing on right now.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. The next two (2) items Manhole Improvements. Wailua Wastewater Treatment Facility Update Plan. I guess this is a long-term question. This is the Lydgate Plan, right? Wailua, the Wastewater...

Mr. Kakuda: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is the one at Lydgate?

Mr. Fujimoto: Right.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is it our intention to stay there?

Mr. Fujimoto: Well, for that plant, what will determine whether we should move, I mean, it is going to be looking at engineering studies on the feasibility of whether we should stay there, harden the site, or move it. This study will also look at cesspool conversion outfits, like low-hanging fruits like the house lots. This study is going to be a big study.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have never done a study like that before? For some reason, I thought we had.

Mr. Fujimoto: No. That part of it was never included. The sea level tide and global warming, that is kind of new. That is now added to this and that will determine whether the plant should be moved or what is the best option. This amount, actually, maybe we may ask for more money. This is going to be a big study.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Will that study look for saltwater intrusion in any of the groundwater in that area?

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: I think that is one of the biggest problems, where it starts to rot everything.

Mr. Fujimoto: Right. Yes, the global warming sea tide studies, the hydraulic modeling, the fact of rising sea tide, and the influence to the system will be part of the study.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes. I am always jumping the gun, but do we need to pay somebody to tell us that sea level and climate change is happening? I hear it with the bike path and the erosion of the sidewalk. We had the Chair and former Mayor argue about that in the past. It is obvious that that thing should be moved. I do not want to see our tax dollars be wasted on more studies, more consultants, more people telling us what we already know. Do we have to go through this process, or can we just come up with a plan to move this plant up above and we can take care of several projects. I believe we brought some projects to you folks with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and possibly relocating our prison, and just taking care of a whole bunch of problems that we have not taken care of in a long time.

Mr. Fujimoto: Right and this study will do the due diligence. It will identify all the issues that we need to address. You are correct. We all know that there is an issue with rising sea tide and erosion. The question is yes, if we are going to move it, where do we move it? The study will encompass all of that. Where is the best place? We cannot just say we are going to move it. Where are we going to move it to? We need to be fiscally responsible. How much is it going to cost? You need to identify all of those issues. I am not sure what we are talking about, short-term or long-term, but in the next twenty (20) to fifty (50) years, it may still be prudent to leave the plant there and harden the plant.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. I may not agree with that, but I accept that. We know that it has to move at some point and we know that in twenty (20) years it is going to be more expensive than now, and we know that there are potential developments being talked about at Hawaiian Home Lands up *mauka*. We know that. With this \$600,000,000 that they have, I would expect some movement in the Hawaiian Home's developments. It just makes sense, and I am sure this plan will look at all of this, but it makes sense that if we are going to relocate, then you might want to relocate before development, not after development.

Mr. Fujimoto: Obviously, yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is there any estimated timeframe of when we would be able to see the results of this study?

Mr. Fujimoto: For something like this, my guess is at least three (3) years.

Council Chair Rapozo: Oh, wow. Okay.

Mr. Fujimoto: It is going to be a big study.

Council Chair Rapozo: Got it. Councilmember Carvalho.

Councilmember Carvalho: I just wanted to follow up on what was said about working with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and relocating across for opportunities for housing and not waiting until something happens. I know we have been talking about him over and over and over again. I just wanted to make sure, because there are opportunities for funding, also partnership, with Hawaiian Homes, but we need to get that connection. I talked to them, and they are willing to at least talk about it. Maybe we can accelerate the opportunity to move it and not wait until something happens, and at the same time open the door for housing. We would be going back and forth. Is there still the plan to do the golf course area where we talked about that with leach fields and all that?

Mr. Kakuda: The only thing we are going to do at the golf course now is to reline the line from the plant to the pond. It is kind of old, so we want to reline it. That is the only thing on the table at the golf course.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. I just wanted to add on to that. That is important.

Mr. Fujimoto: I would like to echo what Council Chair Rapozo said. I think he hit the nail on the head. Before we look at any expansion, we definitely need to look at whether we should move the plant or not. Right now, we are looking for repairs. Although the funds we are putting in are really just repairs, we are hoping that before we really need to move forward with expansion that we know what the long-term plan should be.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, thank you. I think it just makes sense. When Councilmember Carvalho was the Mayor, we met with DHHL. Back then it was Chair Ailā. I do not know what the new direction will be, but they were very interested and supportive of, we talked about, maybe a land swap. The real solution is just getting a parcel licensed to the County so we can operate the sewer plant. They would benefit. There are some cost sharing opportunities that we need to explore because right now for them to develop those parcels up there and expecting to use this treatment center is rough.

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes. That would require expansion.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes. Okay. Are there any other questions? Thank you for that. Headwork Improvements?

Mr. Kakuda: For that one, we just executed a contract. That is for about sixty percent (60%) of the design. We are requesting money for next year to make an amendment and do the full design.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Again, these are just repairs, yes?

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes.

Mr. Kakuda: That is to fix the front half of the Wailua plant, basically.

Mr. Fujimoto: I think this is just design.

Mr. Kakuda. Yes, it is just design.

Mr. Fujimoto: We will be coming for construction. This is a substantial amount, probably \$14,000,000 to \$16,000,000.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: When we talked about that \$100,000,000 bond...

Mr. Fujimoto: This is part of it.

Councilmember Cowden: This is part of it? Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, the next item is closed, the Billing System. That is all in top shape now?

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes. We actually broke through on interfacing our ES 400 with the Water Department billing. I think we are pretty good. One of the most complex things is our ES 400. It is very sophisticated. It is very powerful. Because it is so, I guess, so flexible and does everything for the County, at the same time because of that, there are some problems with actually interfacing simple files like Excel. Thanks to the Department of Water's IT person, Wayne Takabayashi, he developed and worked with our IT, we actually figured out a way of interfacing the data file into our system. That is going to help big time. Right now, we are trying to work on an agreement so the Water Department will provide this on a more reliable basis. Right now, all of the information we are getting in the new format is done voluntarily by their IT person.

(Councilmember Carvalho was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: It always amazes me how we purchase software, we purchase these programs, and we listen to the salesperson. They come down and tell us how wonderfully it is going to connect, and then it does not. They are gone and we need to figure out how to make it work. That baffles me. Excel seems to me, and I am not a computer guy, seems to me one of the platforms that should interface with everything.

Mr. Fujimoto: I think this Budget also covered our online system. Just recently we actually have gone online, so people can pay their bill.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Waimea Technical Studies. Again, I will assume this is similar to what you folks are doing out at Wailua.

Mr. Kakuda: That is correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any questions about Waimea?

Councilmember Cowden: It is the same pot of money that we asked for, correct? Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: Donald, this is just for the repairs? We are not talking about using any of this infrastructure funding to get that project in Waimea 400 tied into our sewer plants.

Mr. Fujimoto: Actually, this is a facility plant. This is a long-term study. Again, this will be looking at cesspool conversion opportunities of the Kekaha community.

Councilmember DeCosta: For the Kekaha community, the conversation piece is in here now. We can tie in Kekaha and upper Waimea?

Mr. Fujimoto: Right, and how it could affect our development.

Councilmember DeCosta: Donald, if you remember, I asked you the last time. Timeline is so important because by, I believe, 2050, help me if I am wrong, or is it 2030, we have to be converted and there is a whole bunch of cesspools in Kekaha right now. I do not want to see our community upgrading \$30,000 from cesspool to a septic and in fifteen (15) years they can tie into the sewer system in Waimea. The timeline and getting our community knowledgeable, so maybe can we grandfather those cesspools until we get our sewer treatment plant up and running?

Mr. Fujimoto: You are correct. I think the deadline is 2050, but I think they are trying to move that up. Again, we need to be careful what we ask for. This plan will identify whether we can do it or not. It will also identify the cost. It is going to be a large cost.

Councilmember DeCosta: Donald, help me to understand. You are telling me that this plan will help us understand if we can do it. No, we need to do it. We need to make a sewer.

Mr. Fujimoto: The, again, fiscal question is whether we can afford to do it.

Councilmember DeCosta: It does not take a rocket scientist to know that cesspool and septic still contaminate the environment. The sewer is the best way to go.

Mr. Tanigawa: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes.

Mr. Tanigawa: That is a very good point. What the plan does is look at the system, the type of system, and it evaluates the cost.

(Councilmember Carvalho was noted as present.)

That information will allow us to make informed decisions. It is something that is necessary. You make a good point, and we will definitely look at expansion into Kekaha.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you. With that being said, I am going to let you folks know, I know infrastructure costs and we do not want to put it out on our community, but I just had a conversation piece with one of our close friends, who put in a new water meter. I brought this to the Chair's attention. The technology of a meter has not changed, the hooking up of a water meter did not change, but the meter went from \$5,000 to \$17,000. If we can, raise the sewer fee just a little more to help our community members in Kekaha get sewers one day. Thank you. That is all I wanted to say.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. We will have the water and water meter discussion later.

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes, I just wanted to, again, go back to the fact that we are an enterprise fund. All of the costs that are required for this will be paid by the consumers. Then another major increase might be required to do this.

Council Chair Rapozo: You said it is an enterprise fund?

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So is the golf course and we subsidize the golf course significantly every year.

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Kagawa and then Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, and golf is the only sport where you need to pay to play. You do not see pickleball players paying. You do not see tennis players paying. Golfers pay. They pay a lot, actually, to play. I want to go back to online billing. If you folks

Councilmember Kagawa: Is that something that we are worried about? On the same token, if you are making folks pay more, then the people paying more want to at least know that everyone else is paying, too.

Mr. Kakuda: Like you said, we cannot turn it off. What we do is when it gets to a certain amount, we put liens against their houses. We are not necessarily collecting it right away, but when they sell the house or whatnot, that is when we collect. Last year, we collected three (3) or four (4) of them. Every so often we catch folks that are not paying and then we charge them seven (7) years back. I did that a couple of times already. I do not have exact numbers of how big the delinquencies are, but we could get that to you if you wanted.

Councilmember Kagawa: Alright, thanks.

Mr. Fujimoto: My understanding is that the Water Department could shut off the meters because of sewer.

Councilmember Kagawa: Oh, you folks are tied in with the water?

Mr. Fujimoto: Yes. We need to work with the Water Department to work that part out.

Councilmember Kagawa: That would be a good way of making sure everybody pays the sewer bill. Thank you. I know it is not an easy job, that is why I was concerned. I would rather be hooked up to the sewer. I always got irritated when I thought, "Wow, it is like we are getting punished for being connected to the sewer because it cost us a lot to originally hook up." We had to make the investment, like digging a cesspool. The only thing is we continue paying when the folks with the cesspool pay nothing, right?

Council Chair Rapozo: Which is not a bad thing.

Councilmember Kagawa: What was that?

Council Chair Rapozo: It is not a bad thing.

Councilmember Kagawa: It is not a bad thing, but not to say that only people on sewer should pay. That is what I am saying. We are paying the sewer bill, we are no longer contaminating the ground, and all you folks with cesspools can continue contaminating. That is not fair. This whole discussion can rile up people. To say, "Wow, you are lucky you are hooked up," is to say, "Oh, I am lucky because I paid?" Seriously, I mean, I do not think that is lucky.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I think it is a really important discussion. I just want to touch on two (2) things briefly. My understanding, and I am asking you for

confirmation, is that we have certain layers of priority: Kekaha, Hanalei, I am sure, Aliomanu, places that are right on sea level, Fuji Beach in Kapa‘a, actually they have sewer, but the ones that are right along the water, those are what are considered priority one (1) cesspools. Is that correct? I actually have done radio shows on this. These priority one (1) cesspools are where there is pressure to move that to 2030 or 2035. If you are up high, it is 2050. Does that sound consistent to what you understand? Yes? When you look at the collections court, because I have been a court mediator, so collections court on Mondays, there are people in there with their sewer situation. I know that they did go after them. It is heartbreaking because it is typically a *kupuna* widow. There is one person in the house who has to pay the same amount as the person next door because there might be thirteen (13) people living in the house. People get liens on their house. I think that is the way we make it work and people are up there shaking and crying over not being able to pay their sewer bill. Nothing is simple. Thank you, folks, for dealing with everybody’s stuff. It is a big, big service. It is like the Medical Co-Response (MCR) first responders here, you folks are basically helping public help, so thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is the discussion that we really need to have—the fairness of the sewer bill. I pay for the electricity that I use. I pay for the water that I use. With sewer, it is a flat fee. The *kūpuna* that live alone is paying the same as the house next door that has maybe three (3) families living in it and the toilet flushes three (3) times as much. We had discussions in the past about putting flow meters on the homes, so you pay based on use. That is the fair way. Then you do not run into those problems. We had this discussion twenty (20) years ago, fifteen (15) years ago when Kaipo was here. Then you get the argument, “Well, what about the person that waters his yard all the time, the *kūpuna* that waters?” You need to take the good with the bad. I think right now it is unfair. Totally unfair. In five (5) years, \$100 a month for that *kupuna* is going to be a problem and they flush their toilet much less than the households with families and kids and all of that. I think that is the discussion we need to have. How do we make the sewer rates fair for everyone? I cannot imagine the flow meter. It will not cost \$17,000, like the water meter. It is just something you hook on and monitor the water that you use. Food for thought, food for thought.

Councilmember Kualī‘i: Can I throw out a little more food for thought?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Kualī‘i: Just in the sense that when you think about the landfill, right? The landfill is a public good, if you will, and we all benefit from it. Now that we have these bins, yes, there are bigger bins and smaller bins, so if you are putting in less trash, you are paying less. Besides paying for your bin, you also pay just a fee that goes to the landfill, and everybody pays that. Whether you put a lot of trash in the landfill or not, you are paying that big chunk of money. Maybe the sewer has to be dealt with in a similar way to the landfill because it truly does benefit everyone whether you are hooked up to it or not, so everyone should pay a little bit. Food for thought.

Council Chair Rapozo: That will be the headline in tomorrow's newspaper: "Councilmember Kualii suggests everybody pays for sewer whether you use it or not". That is alright, take the heat.

Councilmember Kualii: A small amount, like you pay for the landfill.

Council Chair Rapozo: I got it. That is a good point.

Councilmember Kualii: If you love Kauai.

Councilmember DeCosta: I have a little more food for thought. Just a little bit more. Remember, your cesspool and your septic needs to get pumped, and you need to put a chemical inside every once in a while, on the cesspool, so there is some incurred cost. It is not once you put it on your property, you do not need to deal with it ever again. In defense of those who have cesspool and septic, everyone has a little bit of cost that is incurred. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, the next item is Office and Restroom Renovations, bathrooms, and office renovations at the Wastewater Treatment Plants. Funds are for the plans and specifications. \$225,000. Are there any questions? If not, we are moving on. Do you have a question?

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes. Are we going to put a bathroom in that park where the kids play soccer for HYSA and AYSO?

Council Chair Rapozo: That is for Parks.

Councilmember DeCosta: That is Parks? Okay.

Councilmember Kualii: This is at the Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Council Chair Rapozo: I just saw Parks walk in a little while ago. You know one question that is coming.

Councilmember DeCosta: They can prepare for that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Wastewater Facility Plan Update. This one is, I guess, self-explanatory because there is no description or comments. I am assuming this is to update the Wastewater Facility Plant.

Mr. Kakuda: That one is for the Lihu'e Plant. We had money. We were working on the Lihu'e one. This is extra money to close it out.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. The last is improvements. That one is closed out. Inactive. Okay.

Councilmember Cowden: Chair?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes?

Councilmember Cowden: Can I just ask a general Public Works question before we are totally finished with them?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: I do not know, but I think in December I sent a letter over, really to Administration in general, about underused, or unused, relatively new vehicles. I had wanted to get a count. I do not believe I ever got that back. Are they sitting in Public Works, any significant machines or equipment that was bought and once we got it, it was not what we really needed, either that or we could not fix it? Do we have equipment that we are sitting on?

Mr. Tanigawa: Thank you for the question, Councilmember Cowden. When there is surplus equipment, it goes out to auction. Once it is auctioned, it is either sold to the highest bidder or if there is no bidder, then the equipment gets disposed of.

Councilmember Cowden: I usually, because I am curious about this, look at those bids. I look at the list. I have not seen anything big or huge. It seems like they are old trucks in reasonable use. It sounds like then we are not sitting on anything for probably at least a year or two (2)?

Mr. Tanigawa: There are some pieces of equipment that we use parts.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Tanigawa: When we have emergencies, we go to surplus equipment and pull parts. Those types of equipment that we pull parts from, we do keep.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. That seems reasonable. Alright, thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for Public Works or their CIP? Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a follow-up to that. Somebody told me that a maintenance worker said that they requested the County look into a cyclone brush or something. It is like a mower that sweeps and picks up pinecones and pine needles, and could help at the beaches, like a lawn mower. I do not know if we can look into that. I know there are some beach areas we could clean up possibly. Even for Public Works, I do not know if you folks have areas littered with pinecones and stuff, if we could look at that. It is sore when the kids walk on it. I guess this is more for Parks.

Mr. Tanigawa: It has not come up with Public Works. It was not raised during our Budget sessions.

Councilmember Kagawa: Have you heard about a cyclone brush?

Mr. Tanigawa: I have not.

Councilmember Kagawa: Maybe we should all Google it.

Council Chair Rapozo: It is a vacuum cleaner.

Councilmember Kagawa: I am kidding. I will do it.

Council Chair Rapozo: Pat? Are you writing down notes, Pat? It sounds like you will be the star of the day. This is for the CIP, maybe for Todd, I am not sure who puts this together. All of these numbers that we talked about early that maybe closed but still have some balances, I am assuming it will be all corrected and reflected in the supplemental Budget?

Mr. Tanigawa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, last call for questions for the Public Works CIP. If not, thank you very much. The Fire Department is next.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Good morning, sirs. Welcome. We will just continue on in the same way. We will just go down the lines. Actually, your first five (5) lines do not include any new money.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Are there any questions regarding deferred maintenance, helicopter hangar, the improvements? Go ahead, Councilmember Cowden.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as present.)

Councilmember Cowden: How is our helicopter hangar coming? It seems like we have been talking about it for two (2) years or more.

Council Chair Rapozo: Let me tag this on. I was told that there is a hang box in the hangar that has not been put up. If you could, please include that in your response.

MICHAEL GIBSON, Fire Chief Yes. Good morning. Michael Gibson, Fire Chief, Kaua'i Fire Department. Thank you for the question and good morning, again. The current status is we are working with the State. We have been given a new parcel of land located

within Lihue Airport which will give us good security and protection being at the airport, again. However, we are working on the permit process, and we are currently sitting with the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to get State approval for this new site location. It is a different site than the previous location right next to the tower.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Right now, is our helicopter then still in something almost like a tent?

Mr. Gibson: We are currently still using the previous hangar, located right next to the tower. The building is very old. We have been trying to provide a little bit of structural reinforcement to it. It is rusted and corroded, however, right now it is the best protection we have for our helicopters. We do have a place and we are working with the State on that new location.

Councilmember Cowden: Am I remembering right, is our helicopter out getting a new engine?

Mr. Gibson: That is correct. The engine had scheduled overhaul maintenance. It had 3,000 hours on it which required overhaul of the turbine as well as the engine. It is about a twelve (12) week process. We are in week number eight (8) or nine (9) now.

Councilmember Cowden: Do we have a rented helicopter replacing it? It looks the same right? It is another red one.

Mr. Gibson: Yes. Actually, we have a rented or a leased engine. When the engine was removed, a new engine was put in the helicopter.

Councilmember Cowden: Oh, it is a new engine in it?

Mr. Gibson: Correct.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: What is the timeline on the new facility?

Mr. Gibson: I do not have the timeline. Both Chiefs here next to me are working with the State. They are doing everything they can to expedite, but with that said, I do not have a definite timeline.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay, then how long would it take? I guess the reason is, I got some photos of that existing hangar and there are holes. That helicopter is really subject to the elements right now. I understand that tent in the hangar, that box, has been there for quite a while. The question is why that was not erected? It was before your time Chief but, nonetheless.

Mr. Gibson: Yes. Several years ago, when the plan was abandoned to build from the ground up a new brick and mortar facility at the airport, it became too expensive and it became too small, the idea was brought forth to use this tent in the box which had been sitting there. That was almost two (2) years ago. We are currently building a new fire training building at Honsador site, behind the airport, off property. We had begun engineering and planning and design to have the tent in the box, so-to-speak, helicopter hangar built on this new Honsador area to share the site with the fire training building. This tent in the box is a lot better than it sounds. It is a fifty-five (55) foot by one hundred ten (110) foot structure, which we could have multipurpose use for. Since we do not have a repair and maintenance facility for Fire, we could have doubled that size and used it for maintenance. However, in working with the State, they really, really wanted to have all the helicopters in one area at the airport, along Ahukini Road. They did not want us to be on the other side. It interferes with their flight plans and the long-term, overall safety of the airport. We agreed with the State to go back within the confines of the airport which, unfortunately, made us start from step one (1) again by starting on building this hangar.

Council Chair Rapozo: My concern is just the helicopter getting rained on and susceptible to salt.

ROGER W. MILLS II, Deputy Fire Chief: We are adjusting that right now. We ordered big military tents to create a little cascade system so rain, rust, and anything will be captured in that as well.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, that is being worked on?

Mr. Mills: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: The plan is not to put them up, and I call it a tent in a box, but what you have right now was basically at one time was a tent in the box as well. I understand it is high quality. The plan is not to use that tent in a box at this location?

Mr. Gibson: I am sorry, Chair. That is the intent, however, this tent in a box is an excellent structure. It is what you currently see being used now by Airborne Aviation.

Council Chair Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Gibson: It is a quality structure.

Council Chair Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Gibson: It will last us for a long time. We fully support the tent in the box. It is a sprung structure.

Council Chair Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Gibson: And I believe we should probably start referring to is as that.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, when is that going to go up?

Mr. Mills: As soon as we get approvals from the State. The State goes through the Office of the County Attorney, and we can create a lease.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am a little confused.

Mr. Mills: I am sorry.

Council Chair Rapozo: Where are we? We are at the airport, right now.

Mr. Mills: Correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have a busted-up tent structure right now?

Mr. Mills: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have a tent in a box inside that busted-up tent structure?

Mr. Mills: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: You are saying to put that up in the same location...

Mr. Mills: It will not be in the same location. It will be down the airstrip a little bit more. That is where the State gave us that property.

Council Chair Rapozo: I see. Okay. And we have no clue when that will be?

Mr. Mills: That is the angle right now.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay.

Mr. Mills: From start to finish, when we were talking to the engineer, he said once they get the approvals, it is anywhere from six (6) months to a year.

Council Chair Rapozo: Unbelievable.

Mr. Mills: He was nice enough. He said six (6) to nine (9) months.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, which typically means twelve (12) to eighteen (18).

Mr. Mills: Yes, exactly.

Council Chair Rapozo: If you are looking at the State.

Mr. Mills: Everything was a go at this moment.

Councilmember DeCosta: We will get a letter drafted to the State to speed this up.

Mr. Gibson: Yes. Currently there is an agreement in play. The land is ours. The State is working hard for us. There is a very good relationship right now. It is just that the process right now is sitting with the BLNR. The State is waiting for that.

Councilmember DeCosta: Chief, we will not tarnish your relationship with them. It is going to be on us.

Council Chair Rapozo: It will be signed as an individual Councilmember, Bill DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: I cannot believe the time the bureaucracy takes to get something done. The County and the State. I cannot believe it.

Mr. Gibson: That is where we are at.

Council Chair Rapozo: I can understand if it is for a food truck, but for an emergency helicopter? My gosh. It is just baffling to me. Councilmember Carvalho.

Councilmember Carvalho: You mentioned you are still at the Honsador site?

Mr. Gibson: For our fire training building, yes.

Councilmember Carvalho: For the fire training. That is going to remain as part of the plan?

Mr. Gibson: Yes.

Councilmember Carvalho: Then, of course, at the airport is it going through a lease kind of thinking? What is the process on that?

Mr. Gibson: Yes. The hangar at the airport?

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Mr. Gibson: We will also have our own gate access from the outside, so when Rescue 3 pulls up, we will have our card reader. It will open up the gate. We can expedite access quicker than what we have now. It is going to be a good thing for us once it happens.

Councilmember Carvalho: Once it happens?

Mr. Gibson: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Are there any other questions? Kapa'a Fire Station Renovations, \$575,000. It is self-explanatory. You are just going to upgrade the Kapa'a Fire Station?

Councilmember Cowden: I have a quick question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: When is it going to happen? I thought we were talking about that last year. I thought it was already underway.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Mr. Gibson: We did ongoing maintenance repairs at the station, but this will actually be the plan to fully renovate the station from the ground up, again, so to speak.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Gibson: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: There is a lot of planning and design money in this from all the departments. I am a little concerned. Hopefully, we will have the money to build it when all these plans are done. It is a little scary. Alright, next is Wanini Lifeguard Tower, purchase and install. That is a new lifeguard tower, and I am assuming you folks will have the manpower, too. This one does not need planning because it is prefabricated, yes?

Mr. Mills: We just need to get it there.

Mr. Gibson: It is a prefabricated building. This is something that because of the change of tourism, the limitations back in 2018 with the flood, a lot of the tourists and locals now are frequenting Wanini. That has become one of our busiest locations, so we had to, within our current staffing and resources, allocate personnel to that location. It is one of the top four (4) or five (5) in preventative actions of public contact. We called it the Wanini Road, for lack of a better term. It is two (2) lifeguards in a Ford F-150 with an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and they will set up next to one of the park benches under a tree. Providing a lifeguard tower with a more visible location gives them a better bird's eye view

to be able to see the beach. We got the people there. We just need the facility to put them in.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Right now, that track typically is right there near the outflow channel. Are you going to put it there or are you going to put it near the boat ramp?

Mr. Gibson: Chief. If we could get Chief Vierra to come up.

Councilmember Cowden: When he comes up, how soon will it be put in place? Is that a lifeguard station in a box?

Mr. Mills: It is prefabbed.

Councilmember Cowden: It is prepacked?

Mr. Mills: We just need to put it together.

Councilmember Cowden: It is going to be like the others? That is why I wonder. It is not ordered yet?

Mr. Mills: It is not ordered.

Mr. Gibson: No.

Councilmember Cowden: Where are you going to put that?

KALANI VIERRA, Ocean Safety Bureau Chief: Good morning. Kalani Vierra, Ocean Safety Bureau. We are looking at the same location where the Wanini Road truck is. We prefer...

Councilmember Cowden: Near the backdoor channel.

Mr. Vierra: ...that specific point because you can see further towards the backchannel. If we do set up operation at the boat ramp, we will not be able to see around the corner where the hotspot is at the backchannel.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Cowden: How long? When will it be up?

Mr. Vierra: Well, if we get the approval and start the process, they already have the prefab towers in stock in California, then there is getting it here and transporting it out there, so...

Councilmember Cowden: Three (3) months?

Mr. Vierra: Give or take, maybe three (3) to four (4) months.

Councilmember Kagawa: What does it look like? Is it like any of the ones that we have?

Mr. Vierra: Yes, similar to the rest of our lifeguard towers we have around the island.

Councilmember Kagawa: Like the (inaudible)?

Mr. Vierra: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Are there any other questions for the Fire Department?

Councilmember DeCosta: I had one on the flooring.

Council Chair Rapozo: On what?

Councilmember DeCosta: On the flooring.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember DeCosta: On that Kalaheo and Waimea, Chief, \$66,271, we are subbing out those floors. Am I right? We sub them out.

Mr. Gibson: That is correct.

Councilmember DeCosta: I know Home Depot has that self-explanatory, snap together LVT flooring that you folks would probably do after you folks work out or something.

Mr. Gibson: Right.

Councilmember DeCosta: Is there any way we can put it on our own flooring to save some money or are we not allowed under some kind of County Code? Which one? I know some of the firefighters, my classmate back there, we are very handy with all our tools, right? But the new folks today, I know they are handier on the phone. I just want to know, do you have some firemen or firewomen that we hired in the last ten (10) years that maybe can do some LVT flooring to cut some costs a little bit, or we cannot?

Mr. Gibson: Yes. It is after the fact. This flooring was already put in. It was the remainder of the funds. What we did with the money that was saved from other projects, the firefighters have constructed their own countertops out of concrete. They polished them, sanded them down, sealed them. We are working currently on doing our own cabinets in the kitchen. At Waimea Fire Station, when it was constructed, there was never a ventilation system put in for the cooking, for the stove. So, the firefighters, we got a lot of help from Public Works, from the electricians, the carpenters, the plumbers, to move things around. It came down to the workers wanting the job done really well and to save money, we are currently doing the work ourselves. We are saving everything we can.

Councilmember DeCosta: Chief, please tell me stuff like this so we can make it public. We can let them know how our firefighters and water safety quality people are chipping in to make things easier for our taxpayers. Thank you for that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for our Fire Department? If not, thank you very much.

Mr. Gibson: Thank you folks.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thanks. Next is the Police Department. They have three (3) items, which is actually one (1) item. Thank you for being here Chief.

TODD G. RAYBUCK, Chief of Police: Good morning.

Councilmember Kagawa: Good morning.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, Chief, you have just under \$1,000,000 in three (3) different funding lines pertaining to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) master plan. Let me just understand this. HHSC has this master plan, and they are offering a potential site for Kaua'i Police Department (KPD), and it is up to us to go and fund the planning and design. Is that how this works?

Mr. Raybuck: Good morning, Chair and members of the Council. Thank you for allowing me to be here. Todd Raybuck, Chief of Kaua'i Police Department, for the record. Yes, sir, we do have this funding set aside. To go back in time, approximately fourteen (14) years ago a site assessment was done to identify a location to build a Kawaihau substation. Several different sites were considered and ultimately the Mahelona site was selected for the place to build the Kawaihau substation. One of the main reasons for that was because it is State property. The State offered us to be able to build that substation at that location with very little, if not any, money to purchase the land. We would be able to utilize that land, it would be more economically feasible for the County to not have to incur the cost of buying land. That project has been in place. We initiated the Environmental Assessment (EA) and that was about to reach the final when the Mahelona site received some additional land from the State, transferred over to the Mahelona property. The design team came to KPD and asked us to pause our momentum. The draft final EA was prepared, these moneys were set aside for us to move forward on some finalization of the design plan and

some additional moneys as you see annotated on here. The design team requested us to press pause. The site where the substation was originally intended to be built, they wanted to look at alternative locations. That has been a process through community meetings that has recently concluded. There is a new conclusion that they have proposed for us to look at. Wade Lord and I had been working with Mahelona. I want to thank them for their continued support of this project. We signed a Right-of-Entry agreement so that we can go in and then look at this potential proposed site to see what modifications, if any, need to be made for us to move forward.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. From what I understand, and correct me if I am wrong, the Mahelona plan is still not final, right?

Mr. Raybuck: It is not completely finalized. That is correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: In fact, and I do not understand this, a part of the community's opposition is the Police Department having a substation up in Kapa'a. If you put them in the Houselots, I would be your cheerleader. I would love to have a police station close to my house. My concern is this is almost \$1,000,000 that is sitting in this account that is probably not going to be used for a while, until Mahelona comes up with a final plan, and we know where it is going to be, and we know how big it is going to be. I think Representative Nakamura said it would probably be about ten (10) years. What do you know about it?

Mr. Raybuck: That plan is a very ambitious plan that is built out for the next decade and/or decades, with a lot of different multiuse plans there. I believe that the State may be looking for some assistance in the County for developing a portion of that area for some affordable housing. If that takes place, it is very possible that our substation, if that site that they have located us on is feasible, it is very likely that we could begin to use these funds sooner than later.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes, I just did a follow-up on that because I work with the community that was opposing your placement there. I think the modification now where you are actually right in the center of all the people, they are most concerned about seems like that has abated. Are you still getting direct resistance from the community even with this new location further in right next to people who are in rehabilitation or mental health? You are right in the center of who they are afraid of. Are there still concerns that you are receiving?

Mr. Raybuck: You are right. The previous location where it was identified, some of the residents were uncomfortable with the police station being that close to the residential neighborhood, so it was moved toward the rear of the property. Basically, right now there are a couple of warehouses and the proposed site for that is Behavioral Services and some psychiatric care, which is where the new police substation will be located. I am not aware of the resistance for that location as it was upfront.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes, I am not aware either. I have a question for Todd. Forgive me, but what is ROE, OCA, and ROM. It is really important for me to understand. HHSC, I am assuming is Health and Human Services Committee?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes. ROE is their Right-of-Entry.

Councilmember Cowden: Right-of-Entry, okay. OCA?

Mr. Ozaki: OCA is the...

Mr. Raybuck: Office of the County Attorney.

Mr. Ozaki: County Attorney, yes.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Ozaki: ROM is Rough Order of Magnitude.

Councilmember Cowden: It is what?

Mr. Ozaki: Rough Order of Magnitude. It is an estimated cost, basically.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Are there any other questions for KPD? Thank you. Next is the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA). Are you folks for KEMA? Only one (1) item, but it is \$3,000,000.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: It is to replace all five (5) of the communication buildings with current public safety grade hardened prebuilt structures designed specifically for radio communications. Maybe you can help us understand where these buildings are.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a quick question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead and introduce yourself real quick.

ELTON USHIO, Emergency Management Administrator: *Aloha.* Elton Ushio, Emergency Management Administrator.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: The quick question is you have presented this to us before, right? This is not something fresh. We saw this plan last year.

Mr. Ushio: Yes, this is a current year item.

Councilmember Cowden: This is what?

Mr. Ushio: This is the current year. It was in the previously budgeted.

Councilmember Cowden: It was previously budgeted. Yes. So, we already kind of learned about this, right?

Council Chair Rapozo: Not all of us, though.

Councilmember Cowden: Not all of us, but I am just trying to ask is this something or is this basically what we have had a big presentation on?

Mr. Ushio: We have presented it in the past.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Well, I do not need the presentation, just an overview.

Mr. Ushio: Yes, a quick overview. Our County's eight hundred (800) megahertz public radio system includes infrastructure around the island, as well as KEMA proper. This CIP project is to harden our radio sites in the field. We have various locations, some with actual structures, some are just antennas or borrowing rack space from others. Five (5) locations covered by this line item would entail Crater Hill, Kilauea, Anahola, Kalepa, Kukuiolono, and Kukui Trail in Kōke'e there is a radio array up there. These are to replace the original buildings with hardened prefabbed structures specifically designed for eight hundred (800) megahertz or radio communications type use.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, this funding was put in last year for this Fiscal Year?

Mr. Ushio: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: And you expect this to be completed this next Fiscal Year?

Mr. Ushio: It will take a while. We have convened a committee to work on professional services procurement to get an Engineering Consultant. The committee has been formed, and they are working on it. It is a complex project, and we will see how long it will take, but we will try to push it as quickly as possible.

Council Chair Rapozo: How many buildings are you looking at?

Mr. Ushio: Right now, five (5).

Council Chair Rapozo: I thought you said not all are structures.

Mr. Ushio: Not all of our infrastructure includes a building of this type.

Council Chair Rapozo: You are talking about five (5) towers?

Mr. Ushio: Five (5) structures which we do have antennas at each.

Council Chair Rapozo: It is not necessarily just the five (5) towers?

Mr. Ushio: For this project, it is the hardening of those five (5) structures.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is it a building?

Mr. Ushio: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead, Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes. Elton, thank you for all you do. Could you educate me or educate the public on how important these towers are in states of emergencies? What do they serve? This is so the people can understand the importance of having these towers across Kaua'i.

Mr. Ushio: Those sites, towers, the system as a whole, the County's eight hundred (800) megahertz radio system is the public safety radio system primarily used by our first responders, Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Other County users are on the system, as are some partnered State and Federal entities who operate on-island. Critical public safety communications.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you for that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Is the Crater Hill one next to the graveyard or is it all the way up at the top?

Mr. Ushio: I do not know the location of the graveyard, but it is near the top of the crater.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I just have to ask this question for people who are concerned about all this. You are basically paying for the building at the bottom of the tower, not anything on top of the tower? Is the equipment at the bottom?

Mr. Ushio: Depending on the site, we may own different equipment associated with it. The CIP project focuses on the structures that house the bulk of the equipment. The tower is a separate or adjoining structure.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. You are not changing any of the equipment out in the bottom? It is the same equipment; you are just doing the box? People are very worried about 5G technology.

Mr. Ushio: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: I think eight hundred (800) megahertz is at the very low end of that, right? That has been seventeen (17) years here that we have eight hundred (800) megahertz, or did we change that?

Mr. Ushio: It has been eight hundred (800) megahertz since the birth of the system.

Councilmember Cowden: Which is, I believe, seventeen (17) years ago or eighteen (18). Something like that.

Mr. Ushio: I am not sure exactly.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I have looked it up before because there are a lot of people who are anxious about this. But you are not changing the equipment, you are changing the box?

Mr. Ushio: Essentially, yes. It is the same equipment.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Are there any other questions for KEMA? If not, thank you.

Mr. Ushio: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Parks is next.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Todd, on all of these items that the funding is current year or prior, if you could provide us with a column with when the funding was first put in CIP. Obviously, not for the new ones, but for ones like this right here. I am curious

to see how long the money has been in the CIP Budget. That is really what I am trying to get at.

Mr. Ozaki: When it was funded?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Mr. Ozaki: Is it okay to send this to you after this?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes. I mean when you get a chance. Before decision-making. Alright, Parks. Good morning, good morning.

Councilmember Kagawa: What page are we on now?

Council Chair Rapozo: We are on page 6.

Councilmember Kagawa: Page 6, and what line?

Councilmember Cowden: Line four (4).

Council Chair Rapozo: We are starting with line four (4).

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Again, a lot of these are prior funded items. The vast majority are prior funded, so I guess it is really status. Pi'ikoi Interior Renovations, repairs and renovations to floors, roof, doors. I see it is billed out to occur later this Fiscal Year.

Mr. Ozaki: That is correct.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: When we say Pi'ikoi, is that the building where we are talking about the Planning Commission? Pi'ikoi Building, is that the Planning Commission Building?

Council Chair Rapozo: Pi'ikoi?

Councilmember Kualii: Housing.

Councilmember Cowden: Housing? Okay.

Councilmember Kualii: Elderly Affairs.

Councilmember Cowden: Elderly Affairs. This is not the old Big Save? This is just fixing what is inside what we already have renovated?

Mr. Ozaki: That is correct.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Renovation of counters at RPA is complete. Main potable lines at the golf course. That is the next three (3), again...

Mr. Ozaki: This particular project will come up later, further down the line. The funds are being combined. This particular project will show up again later down on this list.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. This is like the manholes and the culverts, yes? It just shows up in different places.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Veterans Cemetery Improvements was completed in April 2022. Funds not expended because State Department of Accounting & General Services (DAGS) included scope of work. So, will you repurpose these funds?

Mr. Ozaki: That is correct.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any plans to use the funds? Again, I just do not like leaving funds there just because we might use it, or we might not use it. I definitely support the improvements at the Veterans Cemetery.

KYLAN DELA CRUZ, Chief of Planning and Development: Kylan Dela Cruz, Chief of Planning and Development. We are currently working with the Veterans Council as to implementing possibly a kiosk or a directory. Currently, we have a binder that we update quarterly in the directory. We also have included a map just recently. We do not have roles in the sections of the cemetery. We put a map so that people can look at the map to kind of get a better idea of where their loved ones are at. Right now, we are working with the Veterans Council to possibly implement a kiosk for a directory.

Council Chair Rapozo: Will this be electronic?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: They can just type in a name and find out exactly where their loved one may be?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is what you plan to use that \$87,492 for?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead if you have a question. Okay.

Councilmember Kagawa: I will ask a question since Allison is not here.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are we still in the cemetery? Which one do you have a question about? Real quick before Councilmember Kagawa asks his question. I am not sure if you know the answer to this. I was told that now you cannot have any food or anything at the Veterans Cemetery, like on Veterans Day or Memorial Day. Before you could bring pastries and coffee, but now you cannot. I am assuming that is not a County rule.

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is part of the National Cemetery Administration Directive.

Council Chair Rapozo: The new rule?

Mr. Dela Cruz: It is not a new rule. It has been a rule. It just has not been implemented.

Council Chair Rapozo: Oh wow. Okay. Alright. The next one is inactive. Habitat Conservation Plan

Councilmember DeCosta: You know, any time I see Waimea, or I see Westside, I get a little bit excited. You know, you have two (2) Councilmembers from the Westside. Tell me why is it inactive and what was this section going to do for Waimea? Why is it inactive?

Council Chair Rapozo: Is there funds available in the CIP for the Westside?

WALLACE REZENTES, JR., Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation: Good morning, Councilmembers. Wally Rezentes, Deputy Director of Parks. For this account, there has been no development, no activity in the Waimea area. If you look at the special transfer, the Waimea District does not have any funds available.

Council Chair Rapozo: It does not?

Mr. Rezentes: It does not. I think it is just \$1 funded in the CIP Ordinance.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead since you are from the Westside.

Councilmember DeCosta: Well, I am just passionate about it. Are there no projects that are on the Westside, specifically Waimea? I am just going to get to the point. It is kind of a pet peeve of mine, but I notice we own the Cook Field out there in Waimea. The County field that Waimea High School plays with KIF baseball games is actually our field, Cook Field. I have been there numerous times. My son graduated from there. We sit down on chairs. It is the only high school that does not have bleachers to watch the high school games. Do we plan to put some bleachers in at Cook Field?

Mr. Dela Cruz: In the future, we possibly are planning. We did not budget anything for that. We needed to find out what the intention of that park was going to be for. Initially, when there was a previously Budgeted funding to do the existing track implements, remove the backstop, and fix up the baseball field, at the time the high school was not interested in playing games there. Rather, they just wanted to use it for practice. Now that they have seen the outcome of the field, they want to play games there. It was not designed for high school play at the time. Now we are looking at that from a different angle to try to implement high school play on that field.

Councilmember DeCosta: I appreciate your descriptive analysis. Thank you for that because I also know that Waimea High School was against playing their home games there. A message for Waimea High School: We own that park. It is not a DOE park, so we make the decisions on that park, not Waimea High School. They can chime in if they want to, but if we believe bleachers should go there, and we will have *kūpuna* and parents watching their baseball games, instead of sitting on a chair that they brought in the hot sun, then we will make that decision. I just want to clarify that. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions on the Park Improvements? Was that funded before? I notice it is \$0, so that means current year funding is \$0. Was that something that we used to fund before? I thought every District had community park funds.

Mr. Rezendes: Usually, it is predicated on development that occurs in the area, so the Developer would have to put money into the fund.

Council Chair Rapozo: I got it.

Mr. Rezendes: From my recollection, this special fund has always been pretty low.

Council Chair Rapozo: This is the development fund that the Developer pays when they...okay. I am sorry. I heard you say that. Okay. That one is outside of our control really. Okay. Go ahead.

Councilmember Kagawa: Regarding the Westside, I had one question regarding the track. We have a four hundred (400) yard, old track in Kekaha that we used a long time ago, I think in the 60's. I guess nowadays they use meters, so they said to even think about getting that track upgraded it will need to be conformed to meters instead. Is

there a chance to do a study to see if that is possible and what effect it would have on the normal play that is occurring at the moment? From what I understand, Vidinha Stadium is getting bad. When we change that we will not have any in play, but I am thinking if we can hurry and do Kekaha, then at least we can hold our meets at Kekaha for the time that Vidinha Stadium is being done. Is that just too enormous of a cost and we just want to do one with that rubber? I have never checked on what it would cost to rubberize, but I am thinking long-term. Waimea could use that or the Westside could use that as their track instead of having to drive for practice all the way to Līhu'e. Back in my day, track and field was all blue. It was not even close, but we had the plantation going on and we were all running around in the cane fields back then. I think that was kind of the hidden advantage, not to throw shade on anybody.

Councilmember DeCosta: Track? What about football? We owned football, too, back then.

Councilmember Kagawa: No, but we are talking about the track.

Council Chair Rapozo: Folks, we will get there on this list.

Councilmember Kagawa: Am I too forward?

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: Sorry, Councilmember Carvalho.

Councilmember Kagawa: Sorry.

Councilmember DeCosta: And to Kaua'i High School, we are sorry.

Council Chair Rapozo: We will get to the Stadium Improvements and the Park Improvements as we get down.

Councilmember Kagawa: When do I talk about the Kekaha track, though?

Council Chair Rapozo: No, you can go ahead and answer that because I am looking at the Waimea and Kekaha area, so go ahead.

Councilmember Kagawa: Councilmember DeCosta found \$11,100,000, so I think we can fund that thing.

Councilmember DeCosta: No, we were talking about the Mahelona Police.

Councilmember Kagawa: That is what he told me that. I am thinking maybe that track could fit in that small little \$11,100,000 Budget somewhere.

PATRICK T. PORTER, Director of Parks & Recreation: We can look at the space given over there and see if a four hundred (400) meter track would fit. We can take a look at that for sure.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. Again, if you could check on the effect it would have on existing sports, because you do not want to reconfigure and get blamed that another sport, like baseball, cannot be played.

Mr. Porter: Yes, we do not want to displace another sport for that.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, exactly. We want the grandfathered folks to continue and then we accomplish both. Thanks. Thank you, Council Chair. Sorry for the inappropriate question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes, I have a small follow-up. It is a clarification and insight to the park since I am Vice Chair. Remember that we are going to do a park up in Waimea 400. If we are going to make a track in Waimea 400 in the next couple of years, maybe we should take Councilmember Kagawa's idea and put the money by the Waimea 400 area and get that track right in that district area up and running. That way we do not end up with two (2) tracks, right? We plan to do that in the Waimea 400. There will be quite a bit of a park that is going to be built over there, a sports complex park.

Mr. Porter: Yes. There is a conceptual of it, yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay, thank you for that. It is just if it is a *mana'o*.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, moving on. Endangered Species Habitat Conservation Plan, \$40,474. Interestingly, that is what we just pay every year?

Mr. Porter: We pay more than that, but that is what is in the Budget.

Council Chair Rapozo: How much do we pay for that?

Mr. Porter: It is a tiered system, and we are in the \$100,000s a year right now for that.

Council Chair Rapozo: That plan is just one of things that we need to do because of the birds?

Mr. Porter: Yes. It is ongoing. It is going to be every year.

Council Chair Rapozo: The rest of the funds come from where? General Fund?

Mr. Porter: Yes, the General Fund.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Black Pot Improvement Projects. Working to determine scope of work. Again, these funds were in here. When was this funded?

Mr. Porter: That was this current year.

Councilmember Kualii: This term.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I continue to be unhappy with that plan. I am not trying to argue with it, but it says here "Community outreach pending". I will tell you I still regularly get outreach wanting that canoe *hale* to be retained and repaired somehow. Then when we had the issue about the pavilion at the park being basically privately funded by people who had plenty of money doing what they wanted with the park. That is how it was perceived. Displacing or intending to socially reengineer that park, maybe in a way a lot of people wanted, certainly the people right around them. Other people added strength to them, feeling that we should be fair with the canoe *hale*. You know the bathrooms, the big \$2,000,000 building in the middle there? That continues to be a problem. What kind of outreach is still pending? There is still also the concern of how much concrete is placed in an area where it routinely floods, so scouring around concrete is routine. That was designed by somebody from O'ahu. I have to say it because the person does not live there.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is this Black Pot or does it include the Sheehan property that we purchased?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is it that whole...?

Mr. Porter: Yes, the riverside that we acquired.

Mr. Dela Cruz: Currently, the consultant's work is not completed yet. DAGS is still reviewing the plans for the accretion area of the beach. Part of the scope of work when we have the Consultant in place to implement the scope of work includes addressing comfort stations, includes the parking lot area where there is crushed coral currently in the main parking lot area, I think implementing bike racks as well, and then the wash area, you know, for the boats on the backside.

Councilmember Cowden: Do you have a plan to deconstruct that canoe *hale*? There are people with money who will help rebuild that.

Mr. Porter: Through the master plan process, the canoe *hale* is not in the conceptual for the master plan process.

Councilmember Cowden: Are you going to deconstruct that? I think that is a really big issue.

Mr. Porter: The plan is to follow the master plan.

Councilmember Cowden: I am really sorry to hear that. I am angry to hear it.

Council Chair Rapozo: Relax. Breathe.

Councilmember Cowden: It is destructive to our whole community.

Council Chair Rapozo: We will have an update because I need to get updated on that. When was that purchased? We bought that property quite a while ago. Councilmember Kagawa and I...

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Nothing was done over there since we purchased that property?

Councilmember Cowden: No.

Mr. Porter: The master plan is completed. Now this is the next step after the master plan where we are starting the planning and design process.

Council Chair Rapozo: We will get an update in Committee just because I need to be brought up to speed on that as well. We can have the discussion there. Councilmember Carvalho, then Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember Carvalho: Where are we at with the back portion, again? Just right there. You know, the back portion of the property we had that existing...where are we at with that part?

Mr. Porter: Where is existing...? I am sorry.

Councilmember Carvalho: On Black Pot, you know the back portion where we have the office space and the big open area.

Mr. Porter: Where the trailer park is?

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Mr. Porter: Currently, it is still...

Councilmember Carvalho: Still?

Mr. Porter: It is still in Land Court. I think we just got movement recently on it. Currently because the County did pay for the property, money was exchanged, we have a Right-of-Entry with the Sheehan's to operate it as a County park because it is still going through the process in Land Court. There is also a portion that is along the river side, just *makai* of the *mauka* ramp that is State property. That is going through the BLNR to get transferred over to the County as well. That is in the process to sell. It is being used as a County park. It is trailer parking and it is being used as a County park.

(Council Chair Rapozo was noted as not present.)

Councilmember DeCosta: Councilmember Carvalho, are you done?

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: I know I asked this the last time, but not to Parks directly. Dredging that river so we can get our local fishermen a little bit bigger sized boats. They used to do that a lot. The river filled up with sediment. I know there are some environmental issues and environmental groups that do not want us to do it, but the old-timers used to fish out of that river. I am all about restoring what our local old-timers used to do. Is there a chance that we can talk with the Army Corps of Engineers and get some movement with the State, and even have that conversation piece to get some kind of excavator in there and dredge that river?

Mr. Porter: Yes, we could always have that conversation. I was able to get an Army Corps of Engineers permit to dredge the *mauka* ramp, because sediment would come down and it would fill up the approach right below the ramp and the big boats were not able to launch from that site. I spoke with the fishermen, and I told them, "Let me try go talk to the Army Corps, see if there is something we can do like some kind of ongoing maintenance permit," and we were able to get that. We were successful in getting an Army Corps of Engineers permit. It is considered small-scale dredging. We estimated at the maximum fifty (50) yards of sediment would come out of there. This is just for them to be able to launch and to load their boats on the trailer. The river mouth would be considered more of a large-scale dredging project. We could have that conversation, see how feasible it is, look at all the environmental issues that it would impact.

(Council Chair Rapozo was noted as present.)

Councilmember DeCosta: I want to commend you on doing that, Mr. Porter. That is the good kind of decision-making that you and your department do, because it benefits people. When you make a decision that benefits our local community, that is when I can get excited. Yes, we are going to make some hoopla with those environmentalists. I have been

an environmental teacher for 10 years, but there is a practical environmental teacher and practitioner, and then there is an extreme. Who do we benefit first? Is it the environment or our human beings? What were human beings put in the environment for? To enjoy the environment, as long as we are good stewards of the land. Thank you for being a good steward of the land and getting that dredging permit and letting our local fishermen sail out larger boats out of that area.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I just have a little follow-up on what he said. I know it has been brought up before and it is kind of only on the edge of Parks, I think. A partnership with the Harbors Division with the State, like they have done in the Nāwiliwili area near Niumalu. I think that is a good partnership to look at. There might be a group that is willing to steward because, you know, there are things that have artificially changed that river mouth. Normally, the environment actually washes a lot and does its own dredging, but it has changed. I am just putting that suggestion out. When I see the determined scope of work, you are saying this is just already what we have planned, but I am hoping that we still adapt.

Mr. Porter: I am sure there is going to be some wiggle room.

Councilmember Cowden: You are sure what?

Mr. Porter: There is going to be some wiggle room.

Councilmember Cowden: Wiggle room.

Mr. Porter. In the design and planning process.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for Black Pot? If not...

Councilmember Kagawa: Mr. Chair?

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, I just wanted to say I think myself and other Councilmembers need to make getting that Hanalei thing fixed a major priority of ours.

Council Chair Rapozo: I failed to recognize the former Mayor, Councilmember Carvalho, who was very instrumental in securing that parcel.

Councilmember Kagawa: We just need to get it done.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: When the County pays for it and we are still being held up because of minor hurdles I think we need to fix it.

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thanks.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Inclusive Playground Development. That is Waimea Canyon Park. That is a fantastic thing at Lydgate.

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I got a lot of compliments about the Lydgate Inclusive Playground. Islandwide Playcourt Resurfacing, again, a little over \$2,000,000. What is geotechnical sampling? If we have an existing playcourt, what is the process? I guess it is not like we can just go in.

Mr. Dela Cruz: We have been having a lot of cracks and stuff in the courts. Geotechnical sampling is used to determine what type of soil they can properly design.

Council Chair Rapozo: Oh, to prevent the cracks?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Good stuff. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I know that for homeowners a lot of times the clay-type soil is the one that tends to be found underneath badly cracked driveways. Is that the kind of problem we are dealing with?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Possibly. It depends on the region. From Puhi to Bryan J. Baptiste (BJB) to Waimea, it is all different types of composition.

Councilmember Kagawa: Is there a way, for example, where we dig out a portion and backfill with good soil that we know will balance the clay underneath and compact that?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes. You put the proper subgrade and compact it to a certain degree before you surface.

Councilmember Kagawa: That would be great. I have seen old-school courts, like Hanapēpē Heights, that we used to play at. Ken would also come up, too, and

play. Those would last a while without cracking. I guess the soil was good up in Hanapēpē Heights, the old Hanapēpē Heights.

Mr. Dela Cruz: What we are trying to achieve is to minimize the cracking. In most places, it will crack. We want to minimize the amount of cracking.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, exactly. I think that is when they get frustrated. When we resurface and then they see cracks soon after. They think we are stupid, right? Sometimes it is just that we did not have the plans to uncover and do more time-consuming things you need to do to ensure it.

Mr. Porter: One thing we wanted to note about this resurfacing project is that we call it resurfacing, but in actuality it is a rebuild.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Alright.

Mr. Porter: We are rebuilding each of these courts.

Councilmember Carvalho: Everything.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: It makes sense.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a follow-up. It is two-fold. One, is there any interaction with the neighborhood community associations that might be able to partner into it a little bit? You nodded yes. I think that might be something really worthwhile. It should not cost too much to just have the community associations give their weigh-in. I see like in Hanapēpē Heights, I think it is Nāwiliwili Track there in Kōloa, and Kekaha. Some of these places seem to be secondary facilities where we have not fixed them for a while. It might be that they can help keep them seamed up, so the water does not get in there worse. The other piece that I want to ask about is I have never played pickleball, yet. I guess I am supposed to play it. Everyone is telling me that I need to go play it, but say “Oh, I hurt my back” or “Oh, I had my knee rebuilt.” It seems like all kinds of broken people love pickleball. I have people wanting pickleball all over the place. Passionately, neighbors are fighting over pickleball. Without knowing the game, are we putting pickleball possibilities in with these plans? That is why I am saying if you talk to the neighborhood associations, maybe they will say, “Yes, pickleball.” Maybe hardly anybody is playing basketball. Maybe they want the stripes on there for pickleball, too.

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes, we are listening to the community. In fact, our current project right now at Kōloa Ballpark, on the tennis court and basketball court, pickleball nets and lines were implemented there. It is still ongoing. We should finish the

project by the end of this month on the tennis court side and then later next month on the basketball side. We do have pickleball there.

Councilmember Cowden: I know I had sent a letter to Parks about Kekaha where they can sort of fill in the cracks. You can tell that resurfacing is not my skillset. Can we create communities so they can be the watchdogs to see when there is a problem that somebody is trained to stop it before the problem starts? It seems once the crack gets in there, then the water gets in there, and that is when the damage happens. What if we set that little bit of sealant on it ahead of time?

Mr. Porter: Yes. Going along with community associations, we are always open. We are one hundred percent (100%) open to community organizations that are willing to partner with us. We will always work with them. If a community group came to us and said, "Yes, we want to do Kekaha playcourt and we want to look at options to fill in the cracks," we would be all for it and we would be willing to help with it.

Councilmember Cowden: On our website, is there a list people can look at for which parks are up for fixing, so people can be a little bit self-directed in volunteering to get your attention and help?

Mr. Porter: It is not on our website, but they can reach out to our main office, and we get with them. If it is something that is ongoing, not just a one-time thing, then we do have the Adopt-A-Park program that we would like to promote, too.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do we have a process available for tennis courts or pickleball courts where if it cracks, we can go in and seam it? Is that something that we do?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Recently, to assist the KIF tennis on opening day, it was at Waimea Cook Field Tennis Court, we ordered some crack fill surface seal products. We are not experts in that field. We do not have any expertise. As far as that type of stuff, we normally would contract a Contractor specializing in court surfacing and whatnot. Just to help with the KIF before they started, we actually ordered some crack fill surface seal products and had our caretakers apply that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Did it come out alright?

Mr. Dela Cruz: We did not hear anything about it, so I need to follow-up on that.

Council Chair Rapozo: How much did the State pay us for that? That was gratis, right? We will have that discussion later. Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I would say it would be moot to ask how they do, because there are cracks on both sides, so you cannot blame the cracks on both sides. You cannot blame the cracks if you won or lost. If you want to win, you folks need to practice a little bit harder.

Council Chair Rapozo: A true competitor. He is a true competitor. They switch sides, too, halfway, right?

Councilmember Kagawa: I am all for volunteering, too. I am good with the putty knife. I will patch cracks with the Mayor.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think we should train somebody and get those cracks taken care of early. When cracks start, we fill them or seal them, not have to go contract the work. I cannot imagine it being that difficult, but I do not know. I do not know, but I know that once they start cracking...

Mr. Porter: The filling of the cracks is not the difficult part. It is the relining.

Council Chair Rapozo: Oh, the lining.

Mr. Porter: When the cracks go through the lines, you have to reline the line. That is the more technical part.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Just make that your employees are well coffee-ed up in the morning and there are no hangovers when they do the striping. It is guaranteed it will come out straight. It does not take much to put white lines as straight lines.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright, Kalena Park Improvements. This is like a grant to a non-profit who is going to be utilizing almost \$260,000 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. They are doing a good job out there at Kalena Park. It is really, really nice. It has come a long, long way. Are there any questions on that? If not, next is renovations of Kapa'a pool. \$5,629. Is that it?

Mr. Porter: This is a project that is this Fiscal Year.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Mr. Porter: That is just remaining.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have enough funds?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is that pool going to be finished?

Mr. Porter: Yes. It is going to be done. It is in the middle of construction right now. We had some small setbacks, but we are going to be completing it. Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright and the last project, the Renovate RPA, has been completed. Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: What is RPA?

Mr. Rezentes: Real Property Assessment.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Why is that in Parks? I have no clue. We will take a caption break for 10 minutes.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: The meeting is called back to order. We are now on page 7.

Councilmember Carvalho: Seven (7).

Council Chair Rapozo: Line one (1). The gymnasium. Which gymnasium is that? Waimea?

Mr. Ozaki: Kilauea.

Council Chair Rapozo: The staple is right on it. I was thinking, "You folks built a Waimea gym in the last four years? Right on." Hardening of the Gym to be a Hurricane Shelter, construction anticipated to begin in May. That one is on track.

Mr. Porter: Yes, that is on track.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any questions on this item? Go ahead, Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: I am sorry. The hardening means we are going to change the surface of that?

Mr. Porter: No. It means to make a Hurricane Shelter. To make it a Category 3.

Councilmember Kagawa: Oh, the exterior.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: So that it can withstand.

Councilmember Carvalho: Yes.

Mr. Porter: Yes

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Because with the flooring, I remember the roof was not leaking, but because of the moisture, I think, the kids would always be slipping. We would actually laugh, but it was really dangerous that they would be playing games and just be sliding and falling all the time. I think they said it was the moisture coming from under the flooring.

Council Chair Rapozo: They said it was condensation.

Mr. Porter: It was condensation, yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is that still a problem?

Councilmember Kagawa: Is that still a problem?

Mr. Porter: We do get it both at Kalāheo and Kīlauea.

Councilmember Kagawa: Kalāheo, too, yes?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes, I remember that.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I know we spent a lot of money on trying to fix it.

Mr. Porter: Yes. What we learned is it is coming from underneath. From under the cement slab. It is that moisture that is coming to the surface.

Councilmember Kagawa: Is that something where occasionally they should have the dry mop go over, for example, in between breaks? Would that help?

Mr. Porter: Usually, we try to get the leagues during games to have kids there to mop up.

Councilmember Kagawa: To dry mop? Okay, thanks. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: What gym is this that we are talking about?

Mr. Porter: Kilauea.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay. Since we are talking about gyms...

Council Chair Rapozo: No, we are talking about Kilauea.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay.

Councilmember Kagawa: He wants to go back to Waimea.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, let us keep it on the line item which is Kilauea Gym hardening.

Councilmember Cowden: The roof is all fixed? I thought we were going to fix the roof. Hardening is like putting hurricane hooks in place or what is the hardening?

Mr. Porter: Yes, so it will get reroofed and to the specifications of being a Category 3 hurricane shelter.

Councilmember Cowden: \$600,000 is going to reroof it?

Mr. Porter: This is additional funds to complete the project.

Councilmember Cowden: Oh, okay. I was going to say, "Wow, that one is cheap compared to what we spend on most of these things." Everybody is really anxious about it. Thank you so much.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have only spent \$15,711, so we are still looking at only \$615,711.

Mr. Porter: Well, there was State money, too.

Council Chair Rapozo: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Cowden: How much was that from the State? Do you remember? It was a lot.

Mr. Porter: I do not remember off the top of my head.
\$1,000,000, I believe.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Next item is KPD Heating, Ventilation,
and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Electrical Repairs. That is basically the air conditioning
system at KPD.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Does that include the Office of the Prosecuting
Attorney, too? Please tell me yes.

Mr. Ozaki: It is the whole building, yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I worked there, and it is horrible. I used to work
there. One half (½) of the building is cold and the other wing is hot. I cannot figure out what
is going on. This is going to take care of that entire building.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes. This is Phase I of a two (2) phase
construction. The initial assessment was completed. We got a Rough Order
Magnitude (ROM) of \$8,200,000, so this first \$5,500,000 will take care of the primary chillers,
air handlers, and some of the valves. We will work closely with the Police Department to
identify which areas we will focus on first during Phase I, because they do have some specific
areas that are struggling more than others or that are also more critical to make sure are
receiving cooling.

Council Chair Rapozo: I need to ask again. Why is this in Parks?

Mr. Ozaki: A lot of our buildings do fall under the
Department of Parks & Recreation.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, I know.

Mr. Ozaki: I do not have the historical knowledge of exactly
why, but maybe...

Council Chair Rapozo: Does anyone know why? The gym is a building,
but it is not utilized by the Parks, but KPD? Go ahead, Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes. I believe the reason why is because do you
remember when we shifted the buildings from the Buildings Division to Parks, then people,
like Brian and Warren, moved over? I think that is when the change was made.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, but...

Councilmember Kagawa: So, Buildings only became permitting and Parks...

Council Chair Rapozo: I understand, but if we have an issue with the air conditioning here, do we call Parks?

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Because the personnel are in there. For better efficiency, we tried moving it and then it moved everything.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Well, Mr. Dahilig, maybe you have a better explanation.

MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, Managing Director: It was commonly referred to as the Green Box Move.

Councilmember Cowden: The what?

Council Chair Rapozo: The what?

Mr. Dahilig: The Green Box Move.

Councilmember Cowden: Green Box?

Mr. Dahilig: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is even more confusing.

Mr. Dahilig: Yes. A lot of the maintenance and repair of buildings was set in Parks because the predominant amount of the service orders was coming from the Parks Department, even though this was previously housed in the Buildings Division of Public Works. There was a reorganization right before this Administration came into office that combined those functions from the Buildings Division of Public Works and moved it over to the Parks Division. Even all the supervisory functions for buildings maintenance, like the janitors and those types of things, now fall under the Parks Office. Essentially, it broadened the scope of the Parks Administration.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, when you have maintenance on the Police Department building in Parks, that is kind of interesting.

Mr. Dahilig: Yes. You will see it predominantly with Parks with some of the other larger maintenance projects running out of the Parks Office as well, with things like Fire Stations and those types of things.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden, I know you had your hand up. Do you still have a question or did that clear it up.

Councilmember Cowden: No. That cleared it up.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Councilmember DeCosta?

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes, I have a question on this building. I want to know how is this building compared to some of our other buildings that we have never improved the air conditioning in? I am just looking at this. Is this a really old building? I imagine it is the new Police Department, correct?

Mr. Ozaki: It is.

Councilmember DeCosta: So, it is a newer building?

Mr. Ozaki: I do not know the exact year of the building, but I will say based on the assessment, all components of this HVAC have definitely exceeded its useful life. There are very few of the small components that did fail the assessment which will determine that it needs complete replacement as opposed to just maintenance.

Councilmember DeCosta: What about our old County building, that round building? That building is older. Did we repair all the air conditioning (AC) in that building?

Mr. Ozaki: I cannot speak to that, but on other buildings within the County building, we just had another HVAC replacement of the Kapulei Building that serves the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Information Technology (IT) downstairs. That one just got completed a few months ago. There is ongoing HVAC. Also, just the critical nature or the importance of the Police Department having this done. Day to day they are having some challenges. Actually, Chief Ozaki and Captain Rivera are here, and they can speak to the day to day.

Councilmember DeCosta: No and that is what I want to hear, right? If they are telling us, it is a problem, then we want to fix it, but if we are just putting money into some kind of department or project because we have the money to put it in, then I am not for it. If they are telling us that they need some colder air, that is when I am going to put my vote in.

Council Chair Rapozo: It is broken.

Councilmember DeCosta: It is broken?

Council Chair Rapozo: I can attest to that fact.

Councilmember DeCosta: Perfect. That is all I wanted to know. Just tell me if it is broken, and then we will fix it. Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: It has been broken for a long time. I know. I personally have called which is interesting because Brian was in Parks, right?

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Was Brian in Parks? Oh, he is in Parks. Okay.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a follow-up question on that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: I remember that that building was built during Bryan Baptiste's time. My memory...

Mr. Rezentes: No.

Councilmember Cowden: No? Or was it...?

Mr. Rezentes: Kusaka.

Councilmember Cowden: Kusaka's time? That is like a special hardened building, right, so it is more sealed? Is that part of the problem? I think that there are less windows opening and everything in the building. It is like an emergency building. It is a very special building.

Council Chair Rapozo: I think it is just old. I think it is just that the HVAC is old.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes. I do not believe the fortification of the building would have an impact on the HVAC itself. It is just the system is that old.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Councilmember DeCosta: Can we hear from Captain Ozaki because he came up with a question I had, I think.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am sure. Yes, go ahead. Is it hot or cold?

MARK T. OZAKI, Acting Assistant Chief: For the record, Captain Mark Ozaki, Acting Assistant Chief, Kaua'i Police Department. Yes, there are problems, and it is not just the Police Department there. It is KEMA, and Prosecuting Attorney's. It may not seem like, you know, Dispatch is part of KPD, but that is a twenty-four (24) hour service, too. Most of the building is being utilized twenty-four, seven (24/7). It is a little different from other County buildings, I believe. I think that building was built in 2001. According to the assessment, the HVAC system usually has a 10-year lifespan. We are past twenty (20) years. We more than doubled what is the anticipated time for a building that is being used twenty-

four, seven (24/7). As Chair Rapozo said, when he was working in the County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, sometimes half of the building might be ice cold, the other, at times, is just not working. We do have our cell block in there. That has been going on for a long time where we have AC problems. It is a Civil Rights Violation, too, if we do not protect people that we are holding in custody. We take away their freedom and we have to treat them in a certain way. If we cannot treat them in a humane way by giving them proper circulation, we could be in violation of very serious offenses. We are talking about evidence. To add to Councilmember Cowden's point about the windows, you are absolutely right, we do not have windows that can just open up, so when our AC upstairs and half of the building broke about eight (8) months ago, for about two (2) weeks there was zero (0) circulation. We had to go out and emergency purchase these portable ACs, but we were just blowing them into the ceiling. It is not as though you have a window that we can open up and put the bad air per se out. It is a very serious situation that we really need to take care of, and I appreciate any consideration you would have in this.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Convention Hall, \$4,750,000. Roof, ceiling tiles, electrical system. Are there any questions regarding that? I think it is self-explanatory. We have invested quite a bit in there in the last several years, yes? Going on to the next item. The next batch has no new money. I know we are going to stop at one (1) but let me just go down. Lihi Park Comfort Station, sewer hookup. Cook Field removal of grandstand, install dugouts, install track implements long jump and shot put. Are there no questions?

Councilmember Cowden: I have a question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Councilmember Cowden: Lihi Park. That comfort station has needed to be functioning for so long. When is that going to get fixed?

Mr. Porter: If you folks are aware, the Lihi Comfort Station has been closed. The septic system failed completely. What this money is going to be used for is to tie it into the sewer system adjacent. It is in the little residential community over there. We are just going to bypass the septic system. Right now, we are going through the planning and design of it, locating the spot where we want the best tie in location to the sewer line.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. That would be good. I know there is a mural wanting to be painted on that once it is fixed.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Park Light Renovations. This is to be used as needed. This is just a standing account for you folks for repairs?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yes, and to upgrade.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Replace or Remove Comfort Station at Various Sites. These are Lucy Wright, Hanapēpē Town, and Līhu'e County Park. Which are you planning to replace or remove?

Councilmember Cowden: Improve.

Council Chair Rapozo: Improve. I read it wrong. I am sorry.

Mr. Porter: All three (3). We are looking at putting new comfort stations at all three (3) locations.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thanks Councilmember Cowden. You reminded me that I need to put on my spectacles.

Councilmember Cowden: Is this the one near the baseball field right here?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, because I have noticed people going to the bathroom in the bushes near there. What are they going to that bathroom?

Mr. Porter: That one has already been removed. This was several years ago. The only bathroom that is available now is in the Līhu'e Baseball League office. They open it up when there are practices and games.

Councilmember Cowden: Games.

Mr. Porter: What we are looking at is adding another comfort station. Probably more on that side. More on the Conventional Hall side of the park because we can tie into the sewer on that side.

Councilmember Cowden: When would that probably happen?

Mr. Porter: For that one, we are looking at the bid to go out in June.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Porter: Then construction will probably start in the third quarter.

Councilmember Cowden: Alright. Excellent.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Salt Pond Beach Park Facility Improvements. It has no new money. Skateboard Parks Design and Development. Funds for design and permitting to be combined with the Lighted Skatepark Pickleball Nāwiliwili and Hanapēpē Town Park. Are there any questions on this? Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: The Hanapēpē Town Park. That bathroom, is it going to be in this work order?

Mr. Porter: It is going to be in one (1) of the three (3).

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: I know the town was very adamant about that. We have taken their consideration, right? Where do they want to put it and all of that?

Mr. Porter: Exactly. Previously the Comfort Station was right behind the Fire Station, more towards the highway. After talking to the residents and the Business Association in Hanapēpē, we are going to locate it more towards the town. We feel this will be a better location, it is more user friendly for the community, and is not tucked away in that corner in the back.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you for that.

Councilmember Kagawa: I have a follow-up.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Is that connected to the sewer line, too?

Mr. Porter: That one is connected to sewer line, too, yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: Perfect. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Vidinha Stadium Structural Repairs. Again, no new funding. We will get to the bigger item later. Wailua Golf Course Number Ten (10) Tee Pump. Again, it is an existing project with no new funding. I am going to keep going down. If anyone has a question, then let me know. Waimea and Kekaha Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements. \$1,500,000 in new money. Contractor in place and construction work in progress for Waimea Canyon Park. The design for the Faye Park ADA improvements is complete. The next phase is construction. That looks like it is on-track.

Councilmember Cowden: So...

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: So, what does that mean?

Mr. Porter: Originally, the Waimea and Kekaha ADA planning and design was under one (1) contract. It was one (1) project. When we got the planning design done and we were looking at construction, the money that we got for construction, because of the pandemic and whatnot, it went through the roof. We only had enough money to do the construction for that Waimea side for the ADA. That is what is going on now. This money is to do construction on the Kekaha side. The planning and design are all done. This is fully for construction.

Councilmember Cowden: This is for ramps and bathrooms?

Mr. Porter: Mostly paths.

Councilmember Cowden: Paths.

Mr. Porter: Cement paths and then some other improvements.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions? If not, we are moving on. Hanapēpē Stadium Improvements. If you can just help us. What are the improvements? This is a fifty percent (50%) match, which is what I really wanted to discuss. Just start off by telling us what this is going to be.

Mr. Porter: This one is a multipurpose building. It is going to be constructed in the Hanapēpē Stadium where the existing food booth is for the football side. What we are going to do is we are going to *hemo* that, and we are going to create a bathroom slash ticket booth slash food booth in that corner. Then we are going to reroute the fencing around it so that that facility can service the stadium when it is a football stadium. The fencing will be able to be adjusted to service outside of the stadium when there are events going on outside.

Council Chair Rapozo: Events? So, this is one (1) multipurpose building?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Carvalho: One (1).

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Mr. Porter, I think I brought this up with you before. There was some concern with the lack of wheelchair accessibility for some of those bathroom booths that we had during the football games. The *kūpuna* could not use those

bathrooms. With this new facility, will we be able to accommodate any kind of wheelchair or anything like that?

Mr. Porter: Yes, exactly. When it is built it will be built to all the ADA requirements.

Councilmember DeCosta: ADA, okay. Thank you for that.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any more questions? If not, we are moving on. Lighted Skatepark Pickleball Nāwiliwili and Hanapēpē Town Park. This is new funding. \$1,400,000. What are the plans for those?

Mr. Porter: The previous item, the Skateboard Park from this Fiscal Year, that is the planning and design money. This item right here, this is the construction money to implement the planning and design for what is going on now. This is mainly for looking at Nāwiliwili Park, to implement a Skatepark in Nāwiliwili and then hopefully a pickleball side, too.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is this down on the bottom by Nāwiliwili?

Mr. Porter: Yes. On the *makai* side, not where the football players are playing, but there is a strip of park that is pretty underutilized, so we are looking at that area.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. I know there are a lot of extracurricular activities down there, though, at night.

Mr. Porter: Yes. Hopefully, we can activate the park and get more users involved.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Pat, is it similar to what we are going to have across the street with those wooden ramps or is it going to be constructed more out of concrete or something more long-term?

Mr. Porter: No, this will be a full...

Councilmember Cowden: Concrete?

Mr. Porter: Yes. So those are quick build projects. This will be a permanent skatepark slash pickleball. The idea with the pickleball is that we can use the same lighting system for both sides. We are hoping that we can add a pickleball court to it as well.

Councilmember DeCosta: May I add to that? I always had this vision, and I brought it up in the plan with Mahelona, so I just want to throw it out to you folks. People who play pickleball are usually in their elder years. They are possibly grandparents. Then the skatepark, you always have siblings who are smaller. We always have little kids, the tikes, the one (1) to four (4), one (1) to five (5). I always had a vision of a small cement slab with a couple of little water sprinklers and the kids run around and get wet while the grandparents play pickleball and the older children skate. Have we ever thought about something like that? It is pretty inexpensive. Like when you go to the shopping malls, and they get little water sprinklers for the kids.

Councilmember Cowden: A splashpad.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you. Have we ever thought about putting in a splashpad for the kids that cannot advocate for themselves, the one (1) to five (5)?

Mr. Porter: We can look at it.

Councilmember DeCosta: Get me a price on the small twenty (20) by twenty (20) two (2) sprinkler splashpad. I will go look for funding.

Mr. Porter: Okay, I will go look.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you. I think it is important.

Council Chair Rapozo: I know with the location, you do not want to impact the football, but the more I think about it the more concerned I get about that location. If any of you have not gone down there at night, go.

Councilmember Cowden: Bad habits?

Council Chair Rapozo: Very bad habits. Vidinha Stadium Improvements, \$6,500,000, again, fifty percent (50%) match. I have got to say that the State uses that facility, I think, more than we, the County, as far as organized sports. I have got to believe that the State uses that football, soccer, baseball, track... You have pop warner, you have Y-KIF, you get some use out of the local organizations, but...and I understand the fifty percent (50%) match because the State only had a \$2,000,000,000+ surplus, so they need to save money, right? That was a joke. But fifty percent (50%) when they utilize... In fact, on Kaua'i, the State does not have any resources for their high school outdoor sports. They could not play football, maybe they could finagle baseball, but they could not do track, they could not do soccer. They really could not without the County facilities, I think. This is not to you folks, this is to the State, to our delegation. That is just not cool. That is not cool, fifty percent (50%). We need to come up with fifty percent (50%) of the improvements. Seriously, not cool when they need us more than we need them. We had a cheer competition for Pop Warner. Kids, little girls and boys.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: We used the Kapa'a High School Gym and they charged us \$1,500. Thank you, State. I just had to put that in because I just think it is uncool. I really think it is uncool. Honolulu? All the high schools have their own beautiful stadiums, turf, beautiful scoreboards, bleachers, everything. Here, they use County facilities, and they have to use County facilities, and then they fifty percent (50%) match. Anyway, I am done. But what are these improvements for \$6,500,000? What are we doing? Are we putting in turf?

Mr. Porter: We are putting in FieldTurf, a new track, and then there is some structural cement work that needs to get done in the stadium, too.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do you have a scoreboard that you can see the numbers?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Will it not be white like it is now?

Mr. Porter: Yes. So, hopefully...

Council Chair Rapozo: We need a scoreboard where you can actually see the score during the day because that one does not do it.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: That one does not do it.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta, then Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember DeCosta: Mr. Porter, I am really excited to see if there is some kind of technology that we can use with lighting. Not just the lighting that is up there, but the circulation of lighting around to keep those birds from coming into the park. I want to see Friday night lights get back. I have seen them put those little lights on the power lines that go across Kōke'e to keep those birds from hitting those lines at night. It seems like it is working. What would be the cost of us putting that power line or some kind of line around the stadium with those night reflectors so those birds would not enter into our field? Have we thought about that as a possible solution? Please look into that.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: I do not think it is very expensive to have these lines up above the stadium. It would be nice to have a covered stadium, but I am not sure if

we have a donor out there yet. We may be able to look for a donor. Please look at that for me. Even going out towards the Westside they have all those...

Mr. Porter: Yes, the reflectors.

Councilmember DeCosta: ... reflectors that catch solar during the day and at night it is on, and it deflects the birds. If we could do a perimeter around the stadium, we could go back to Friday night lights.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: This is coming from a few constituents. It is not me. I was asked, and you were all asked, by several people about the choice of plastic turf and why not real grass. What is the advantage of turf? What is said in these letters is that turf detoxes, or puts some sort of toxin out, and that it breaks apart and ends up in the ocean.

Mr. Porter: Yes. I know previously when this FieldTurf just started they used to use recycled tires as their fill, just little tiny rubber pieces that they filled the turf with. Recently, they have gotten away from the tires, and they are using a different material. It is supposed to be a lot more environmentally friendly. Also, the tires used to attract the heat so the field's surface would get really hot. Now, they are using a different material that does not attract the heat and keeps it cooler like a regular grass field would.

Councilmember Cowden: If you wipeout on plastic, does it give you a strawberry or a wound in a different way than real grass would?

Mr. Porter: I played on all the surfaces in my playing days. I played on AstroTurf, real grass, and when FieldTurf was just starting out I was in college still. During my senior year, we played on the FieldTurf. I would say that as far as rugburns and those type of things, you cannot tell the difference between FieldTurf and grass. The old AstroTurf was horrible. We used to get strawberries and they would last all season. It would never heal.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Porter: This is from my experience.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. I do not have an informed attachment. I am just bringing to your awareness that there was some resistance on the word "turf", but maybe they are thinking AstroTurf, as opposed to FieldTurf. FieldTurf presumably holds up better so that you have a more consistent game, for example you do not have potholes in the grass? Because you folks are football folks...

Mr. Porter: During the rainy season or the wet season, we do actually have to limit play in the stadium because of those reasons, because of divots and us

breaking up the ground. It then becomes a safety hazard for the kids. With FieldTurf, the way it is constructed is that underneath the field there is a whole drainage system under that field. When it rains, it does not puddle. It goes into the drainage system and flows out. That is why it is so expensive to construct these things.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Porter: If we do get the FieldTurf in the stadium, the possibilities are endless. We could hold events there every single day and it would be able to hold up to use.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. That is helpful. What I have noticed in some of the different park fields where it is soccer or whatever else, when it got really dry it started cracking. I know people in Kōloa thought that this was because of the blasting that was going on in Po'ipū, but then I went and bothered to look at other parks and I saw those cracks going across the fields, maybe this wide and this long. Turf would not have that even underneath the turf, because you say it is on a drainage system. Why does the ground crack like that? I sent some pictures in, because I was like, "What is up with this?"

Mr. Porter: Yes, I am not sure.

Councilmember Cowden: I sent them to Wally. Do you remember that I sent them to you?

Mr. Rezentes: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: Why does that happen? Is it the world just dries out and it cracks like that?

Mr. Rezentes: Yes, it is the heat and cold. Heat and cold.

Councilmember Cowden: It is the what?

Mr. Rezentes: Wet and dry, heat and cold. Expansion and contraction.

Councilmember Cowden: It is just that on these fields it is more evident than I would ever notice in my yard or something, yes?

Mr. Rezentes: Over time it will eventually crack.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, it is \$6,500,000 of County money and \$6,500,000 of State. That is \$13,000,000. How much is the turf? I am trying to figure out how we are spending this money.

Mr. Porter: We reached out to the Department of Education (DOE). I talked with their Lead Engineer that was doing a lot of the tracks and turfs for the DOE. This was just pre-COVID-19. What they told me was if you are going to put in, put in for about \$7,000,000 for the track and turf itself.

Council Chair Rapozo: For the track and the turf?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I just, of course, went to the University of Google. I just googled out and tried to do a little bit of research on how much it costs today to put in FieldTurf. It was \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000. Then, I know there is the track. I am assuming you will get that rubberized track, too?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, \$7,000,000 for track and field?

Mr. Porter: Now it is probably a little more.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not know. I would not listen to the DOE, because they do not have a problem with paying a lot more. I think we should go out and check the market.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Even if it is \$7,000,000, that still leaves us with quite a bit. What else are we looking at doing?

Mr. Porter: It is all cement construction, right? So, there is some cracking and some spalling going on in the stands. This is to address it.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is it possible for you folks to send us what you had expected, your estimates of the costs or the prices of the expenditure?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Go ahead Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Can you include that technology—I do not know if I can google it—to put those reflectors or night lights circulating the park to keep the birds out? I am really passionate about that.

Mr. Porter: Yes. I can reach out. We have our HCP member meeting where we get involved with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, so I can put that out with them in our next meeting.

Councilmember DeCosta: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Carvalho.

Councilmember Carvalho: In addition to that, is there anything to help with the maintenance team, equipment, and upgrades?

Mr. Porter: FieldTurf comes with its own type of equipment, so there will be that equipment cost to that.

Councilmember Carvalho: Included.

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Wailua Golf Course cart path improvements over one hundred twenty-two thousand (122,000) square feet of paths, \$1,500,000, is that on track? Alright. Kekaha Coastal Property, that is done, that has been purchased. Kalāheo Gym improvements project is complete. Park improvements in the Kōloa district, \$0 new money, that is just a standing account. Grant funds for local community organizations, again, no new money.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as not present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Project for Kōloa Neighborhood Center parking and Kōloa Park basketball, again, that is complete. The next item is complete, as well. Inclusive playground equipment is complete, as well. Conventional Hall is an additional...this is all connected to the last one, right?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: You have grant funds. Here is one, Kapa'a Stadium improvements, is this specifically for fencing?

Mr. Porter: Yes, this is money left over from the stadium improvements, so when we put out for construction for the BJB play courts, we are going to add this as a line item in that contract, and we are going to try and fix as much chain linked fence in the area as we can.

Council Chair Rapozo: For Kapa'a?

Mr. Porter: BJB.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: The senior softball people here in Lihu'e, they were talking about needing another fence, have they communicated with you? I asked them

to get to you, does this cost a lot? Somehow, they need some fence improvement for their softball.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as present.)

Mr. Porter: It is in Hanamā'ulu.

Councilmember Cowden: Softball.

Mr. Porter: Yes, we have been in contact with them.

Councilmember Cowden: So, I do not need to worry about it, you folks have that figured out. How big of a budget item is that they are asking for?

Mr. Porter: It is the same thing that we have been talking with them about it, which is the homerun fence around the softball field.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes. In the County everything can be a phenomenal amount of money, how much does that cost? Are we going to be able to handle it in our regular budget?

Mr. Porter: Yes.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. In these grant funds, I see there are grant funds in all the different districts, how does the public apply for that? Who manages this, is it Parks? We have community organizations out there that want to request these grants, how do they...

Mr. Rezentos: These funds actually can be used for that type of thing, or if we need parts or equipment, supplies within that district, we need to stay within that district, we can tap into these funds, so it could be a community Pop Warner, or a baseball team that wants to do a project, we can tap into these funds and give them the moneys and they do community work.

Council Chair Rapozo: That kind of goes with what Councilmember Cowden was saying earlier about the community associations wanting to help out and do something. The question is, who do they contact if there is an organization out there? These funds cannot be used for anything else.

Mr. Rezentos: It has to stay within the district.

Council Chair Rapozo: But it has to be for the community, right? The County does not tap those funds for...do you know what I mean? It is not like if he needs supplies for...

Mr. Rezendes: We can. As long as it is used within the Parks system within the specific district, so it could either be us doing a project and we need moneys to buy lumber or paint.

Council Chair Rapozo: But that is not what this says. This says funds to support recreational organizations through grants.

Mr. Rezendes: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: If you folks are going to use it to fix things, then it goes in the General Fund, it does not go into CIP, do you know what I am saying? If you folks need money to fix your parks that goes to the General Fund. This is specific for the community to use, and I do not want it to be hidden in the CIP, but we are using this for maintenance funds, that is not what this says, and it is not what we should be doing.

Mr. Porter: That is not what we identified these funds for either. It is possible that we could, but what we want to use these funds for is...

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not want it to be possible, because you are telling us that this is to support recreational organizations through grants. Grants means we are giving money to the community for something that they need in their district.

Mr. Porter: Yes, and that is what we are going to do with it.

Council Chair Rapozo: Well, that is not what I just heard. That is why I am saying, I do not know how we are going to have to tighten this up, because I do not want that to be, and maybe my colleagues disagree, but if it is maintenance, then put it in your General Fund budget, put it in your maintenance budget, put it in your supply budget, put it in your cleaning budget, your nails, hammers, whatever you need, do not put it in CIP. Mayor.

Mayor Kawakami: Chair, you have my word that we are going to use these funds for grant programs. I think the question was, could it be used? And I think Wally was answering the question that technically, it could be, but whether we are going to use it for that intent, we will not. This money is for grant programs to help partner up with community groups to do good work, and that is the way they have been utilizing the funds.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay, thank you. I would really like to see some promotion on this, so public community organizations, and I will not say Pop Warner, because I am going to have to recuse, but any other organization that is looking at doing something at a park or a County facility, I want everyone to know that these funds are available.

Mayor Kawakami: Chair, we can do a better job at that. Much like how OED previously had a grant program that not too many people knew about, we really worked with OED to publicize it, and open it up for more community organizations, so it is a

work in progress, and we will work to get this program out to more community members, at least from a communications standpoint.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a follow-up for the Mayor. I want to thank you so much for the outreach that you were doing with the communities prior to COVID-19, really makes such a difference when you go out to the neighborhood associations. Even if we can make an effort to send the Department of Parks & Recreation out to the neighborhood associations, I think it would be so welcomed and wanted, just to start. You do not have to bring your whole team like you have done, but getting people out, because I go to some of the neighborhood association meetings, and I think we have been separated from the government for so long in the community that it would be wonderful, so thank you for what you do.

Mayor Kawakami: All that they need is an invitation and they will get out there.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mayor Kawakami: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Moving on, playground equipment improvements, Wailua Houselots and Homestead, again, project is complete. Again, these projects complete, \$19,000 in the updated form that will be credited, if you will.

Mr. Ozaki: That is correct. That it did order a request for reassignment.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Skateboard Park, again, completed. Here is another one, 'Anini Beach Park improvements, again, funds to support recreational organizations through grants, likewise for the next one. I would like to see, if possible, a compilation of all the different amounts available in the different districts, because I plan on promoting the heck out of it. I think we have a lot of community people who want to help, and if we can provide them one phone number or an application that they can go in, they can do a lot of our work, and we just cover the cost, and I think that is a wonderful program, but they need to know that is available. The next three (3) items, it is the parking plan, I guess, the implementation of the parking programs at Po'ipū, Lydgate, and Black Pot, are there any questions on that? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: That is getting to post just this month, is that right? We have not started taking applicants yet. Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any more questions for the Department of Parks & Recreation before we cut them loose? Alright. Thank you, folks. I appreciate you folks.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Now on to Planning. Thank you for being here. Still a good morning. Just going over page 8, the first three (3) items are, well, the first two (2) are complete. The Land Information Management System (LIMS), what is going on with that? I see a negative amount in there.

Mr. Ozaki: For this particular line item, with your permission, can we move this to the end of our list for planning, and it will transition into Finance?

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Is that where it went?

Mr. Ozaki: Finance and IT are directly handling this particular project.

Council Chair Rapozo: Got it. East Kaua'i Community Plan Update, \$625,000, are you still in the interviewing process? That should be started this year, right? Well, this calendar year, I should say.

MARIE WILLIAMS, Program Manager: Marie Williams, Planning Department. Yes, we are currently going through the procurement process for the plan, and we do anticipate launching the public process this calendar year as soon as we can.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Are there any questions on the East Kaua'i?

Councilmember Cowden: I am just thankful that you are doing it. Thank you so much.

Council Chair Rapozo: Alright. Next item is the continued implementation of the LIMS, again, self-explanatory, under \$10,000. For the public, LIMS is the shared information between the departments, planning, buildings, and so forth. Thank you. Kaumumene coastal access, maybe you can help us with that.

JODI A. HIGUCHI SAYEGUSA, Deputy Director of Planning: Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa with the Planning Department. That was the Hideaways easement that was acquired about a year ago or so, that was a result of a settlement. It was a claim brought before you folks, then also recommendation by the Office of County Attorney to accept the easement, and with that the Open Space Commission reviewed it, and then worked to line up a possible steward to help maintain it in the future. Also, this money up to \$1,500,000, it will not be exactly this much, hopefully less, that is going to be related to the improvements to the easement going down to the beach.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are we hardening that?

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: I am sorry?

Council Chair Rapozo: Are we hardening that? Are we making that a path, or is it just improving the walking path?

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: We went out and asked various contractors what could possibly be done. The aim is to keep it not hardened. Of course, we are going to have to go through Special Management Area (SMA) review, we are going to have to go through Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), BLNR level permits, depending on the magnitude of improvements, so if it is a lesser scale, not contributing to further erosion of that area, we are going to try to keep it small scale, something more akin to the Uluwehi Falls, there is just little steps nailed down, but nothing like concrete or anything like that.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a question.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead.

Councilmember Cowden: I regularly hear from Pu'u Poa Management who we did the land swap with, so anytime someone goes away in an ambulance, or there is any kind of issue, I usually hear about it within an hour or two (2). Do we have a timeline?

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: We are looking at a Request for Proposal (RFP), but ended up changing course, instead of a RFP, going to look at the annual list of engineering firms and going with the design first, and also the permitting. After that design and the permitting is done, trying to think outside the box again, to keep the cost as low as we can, and to use some of the volunteers and the community who has been very active, and supportive of maintaining it already, so we are going to look to see if we could look at volunteers, and if not there are nonprofits like Kupu Hawai'i is someone that we were thinking about.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any more questions? Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Hi, Jodi. When you said up to \$1,500,000, if we do not use it all, let us say we used \$800,000, does the money stay in Open Space, right?

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: Correct.

Councilmember DeCosta: The County does not have the liberty to use the access funds now that they have been moved?

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: No, that would still remain in Open Space Funds.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Is there anything else for the Department of Planning? That is the quickest it was ever planned. Alright, quickly go before someone changes their mind.

Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. It is no new money, it is all existing projects to basically replace an upgrade, are there any questions for IT?

Councilmember Cowden: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. I tried to help you.

Councilmember Cowden: Thank you, Del, for everything that you do. I did send you this morning, but I am sure you have not seen yet, some concern that I had relative to the security of our systems, and just seeing how Outlook has all this Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities. It is built right through Outlook, and it is a little frightening. How is our, not the firewall, our software that keeps things safe, or how do we keep ourselves protected from Outlook AI? It looks intense with what they are doing now. In fact, they cannot even control their AI at some levels, what has been becoming the case.

DEL SHERMAN, Information Technology Manager: Del Sherman, IT Manager for the County, for the record. Of all the things that keep me awake at night, one (1) of them, is cyber security. It is a stressful thing to contemplate and all the things that have to be put into place to protect us. I think as a County, we have gone through great lengths to put protections in place besides just firewalls. We have a contract with a company that manages and monitors incoming and outgoing traffic twenty-four, seven (24/7), we have a network operation center that has contact information for all of IT, so we are available twenty-four, seven (24/7) for call-outs to respond to an incident, we have filtering systems in place to protect us as best can with email and phishing attacks, and other social engineering types of attacks, but it is a challenge to be sure.

Councilmember Cowden: I am just using this opportunity to put it in your brain, and make the rest of us aware of it, it is the provider itself that is now having all this capacity with Outlook, and Google, even the things that we have ourselves. You do not have to give me any kind of extra answer relative to the funding, I am just saying, please look at what I sent you, and maybe later we can have a briefing or something, because it seems like it is really stepping ahead at a rapid pace.

Mr. Sherman: It is definitely hard to keep up. Our Operating Budget does have moneys built in to pay for all of these different protections, and for the most part, I think we may be slightly ahead of the game in being proactive and putting filters and protections in place to stay ahead of the "bad guys" that are out there trying to infiltrate. At this point, we do not have any CIP with money to fund towards that. There is some potential for that in years to come, but so far it is all in operating.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions? I know it is working, because I get alerted, in fact, lately, quite a bit with the targeted phishing alert.

Mr. Sherman: It is intense. In the last month we have stopped about three thousand (3,000), it is crazy.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, it is working. Thank you.

Mr. Sherman: You are welcome. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions? If not, thank you very much. You might as well stay right there, because we have you here for HRMS, payroll, and personnel, are there any questions on that? Again, no new money.

Councilmember Cowden: Just a quick question. Thank you for helping Human Resources (HR) get up with our Workday, has it been fine?

Mr. Sherman: They have been phenomenal. I think this is just a classic example of what things need to happen correctly for a project to be successful. In this case, with Workday and HR, we knew the only way the Workday initiative was going to be successful was if HR took a leading role in that, which they gladly did, they really stepped up, and I am so proud of them with all of the work that they have done to get to where we are at. For the most part, I give HR credit for the success of that implementation, and we have a long ways to go, there are other features that we want to turn on with Workday, it will be an ongoing project for many years before we finally have it exactly the way we want it, but we are well along, and the funding that we were given to kick that off was well spent, and really got that going.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Are there any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sherman: You are welcome. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Transportation. Top three (3) items, again, no new money. We have the Kapa'a Satellite Baseyard, we will save that for last. Expansion, again, all expected to be completed. We went out to Prince Kūhiō the other day, and Councilmember Cowden's radar went off when we passed, no, it was you, Councilmember Kualii. Councilmember Kualii scared me, because I was driving, and as we turned on to the bypass, Councilmember Kualii said, "What is going on here?" So, I am thinking there is an accident, a pedestrian, someone is jumping in my lane of travel. There was a bus stop with two (2) chairs, like someone was nice enough to donate two (2) chairs, but there is no shelter. If you are coming off of Po'ipū Road, and if you are heading towards the Grand Hyatt Kaua'i

Resort and Spa, you turn left onto the bypass, right there on the right, right on that junction. I am not sure if we have plans on putting a shelter there, but if you could just take a look at that. I do not need a response, just if you could take a look at that. It is cute though, it is dainty, there are two (2) nice chairs like someone in the military put them together, because it is perfectly in line. Does anyone have any other questions on bus stops? Expansion of the facility, repair shop, or the electric bus? Again, all of these are basically on track, the only new money is the design and build of the Kapa'a Baseyard. Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: I wanted to ask you, do you remember I called you about six (6) months ago on the lights in the Kalāheo bus stop by the Kalāheo School, did you folks ever address that? They are saying that it is really dark, there are no lights in that bus stop right before the Kalāheo Elementary School on that junction when you are coming up from the Kalāheo Missionary Church, then there is a junction that turns left to Kalāheo School, and there is a bus stop right there. I remember bringing that to your folks' attention. There was some community outcry about lighting at that bus stop.

CELIA MAHIKOA, Executive on Transportation: Good morning, Celia Mahikoa, Transportation Agency. In regard to that, we would have placed it on our plans for when we do improvements for that bus stop location, whereby we would include that at that point, because right now we do not have structures that are setup there to address the lighting needed at that passenger shelter.

Councilmember Carvalho: Do you have a maintenance plan, or some kind of plan that has a timeline when that may or may not be done? That way if the community asks, I have a timeline to give them.

Ms. Mahikoa: With that, we are primarily coordinating with other departments who are making improvements in the area, so if there are roadway improvements that are going on, then we all work together. If there are bus stops in the area, then we will provide them with the information about what we have documented for the needs in the area, so it all depends on the overall timeline with these projects.

Councilmember DeCosta: At those bus stops, what kind of lighting system? Do we tap into the light that is on the pole? Do we tap into solar light that is on the building itself? How does it work?

Ms. Mahikoa: When we have the set improved actual passenger shelters that we purchased through a manufacturer on the mainland, all of those are all solar driven, so that no additional power is needed to be pulled into those structures, so that is the ideal.

Councilmember DeCosta: Do you have new ones ordered that will be coming in?

Ms. Mahikoa: I am sorry?

Councilmember DeCosta: Do you folks have new ones ordered that will be coming in?

Ms. Mahikoa: I do not believe we have any on order right now, but when we do have them constructed, we order them in, and have them with the lighting units in them at that time.

Councilmember DeCosta: How do we plan to address that lighting problem in Kalāheo, or the bus stop across the Grand Hyatt Kaua'i Resort and Spa bypass road across the fruit stand if we do not have anything ordered now? Would now be a good time to put that in this Budget since we have some funding?

Mr. Ozaki: Councilmember DeCosta, one example of this collaboration, which she is referring to, was on Po'ipū Road, so bus stops are part of the Po'ipū Road improvements.

Councilmember DeCosta: What about the Kalāheo one that I told you about the light?

Mr. Ozaki: I am sorry, I cannot speak to that one, but we can look into that one for you.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is there a bus stop there already?

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: There is just no light?

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes.

Ms. Mahikoa: I do not believe there is a shelter though at the moment.

Councilmember DeCosta: At the Kalāheo one.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember DeCosta: They told me...

Ms. Mahikoa: The one (1) closer to the school, there is no shelter there. Are we talking about the one (1) right next to the neighborhood center maybe?

Councilmember DeCosta: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: No, you are talking about the one (1) by Kalāheo School, right? That is what you described.

Councilmember DeCosta: By the school.

Ms. Mahikoa: I do not believe there is a shelter there at this point. The ultimate goal is to have one (1), and at that point we would install a lighting unit.

Councilmember DeCosta: I think we have one (1) at the County project, the housing project right there.

Ms. Mahikoa: We will check into it for sure.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, there is housing.

Councilmember DeCosta: I am telling you, we have our housing project, and those people are the ones most likely to use the bus, so the bus does pick them up, right? We have a scheduled route in that area.

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes, there is a stop there. The bus does stop there.

Council Chair Rapozo: But it is unsheltered.

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay.

Ms. Mahikoa: It is unsheltered.

Councilmember DeCosta: Can you let me know? Look into that for us.

Council Chair Rapozo: The big ticket item of \$2,000,000 design and build of bus yard in Kapa'a, where would this be? Do we know yet?

Ms. Mahikoa: As far as discussions for Kapa'a Satellite Baseyard it is between the armory and where the current police substation is operating out of, there are empty parcels there, so we have been provided a section of that area to establish a satellite baseyard that will help us with the implementation of the electric bus vehicles and the infrastructure needed for the operating of those vehicles, as well. I think one point with this line item is that it states Kapa'a here, and we need to respectfully ask that the amount, because it is serving as twenty percent (20%) match for several grant awards that we have been provided that are requiring twenty percent (20%) matching funds for Kapa'a Satellite Baseyard as well as for the expansion of our current facility, that we can just request that it not be narrowed down just for Kapa'a Satellite Baseyard use, it would be requesting the same amount, but that it be to utilize for expansion of...

Council Chair Rapozo: Both projects.

Ms. Mahikoa: If we could.

Council Chair Rapozo: You are saying that this \$2,000,000 is to be used for the match.

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, we are going to be relying on eighty percent (80%) of grant money.

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes, we have been.

Council Chair Rapozo: And you would like that on the two (2) projects instead?

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Todd, can you make that happen in the sheet?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes, no problem.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: When we have a satellite place in Kapa'a, I know that our place over here in Lihu'e there is hardly enough room to park the vehicles, are we going to be improving it for things other than the electric vehicles, at least where we can do some work with a higher garage, or longer garage so that more vehicles can fit in it, and we can park some of our pieces there? It is more than just the electric things; we will take some of the burden off...

LEONARD PETERS, Assistant Executive on Transportation: Leonard Peters with the County of Kaua'i, Transportation Agency. Off the record, I have not yet played pickleball. Yes, Councilmember Cowden, thank you for that question. We are in the process of design and engineering for that kind of expansion, adding bays that will more adequately fit our buses, and reworking our parking plan for that footprint. We anticipate going out for permitting by the end of this month or early April, and then construction soon after, but that is all part of the project here at this baseyard and Kapa'a.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes, it might work better for the bus drivers over there. They can start in Kapa'a, usually they seem to drive up...I do not understand why, but they drive up empty for the beginning of their run, so it does not matter, they can come to Kapa'a and go up and back, so I think that will be very helpful.

Council Chair Rapozo: It will be good for the bus drivers. Will this place be big enough in Kapa‘a, so if you had a North Shore route, when they are done, they do not have to come all the way back to Lihu‘e, they can actually leave the bus? Do you have enough storage space? Logistically, can we get that bus back where it needs to be to start the next day?

Ms. Mahikoa: Ideally, there is going to be all those logistics to work in, but that is what we are seeing just to maximize the efficiencies of less downtime on the roads.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Councilmember Carvalho.

Ms. Mahikoa: Thank you.

Councilmember Carvalho: I think she answered the question with the charging stations for the electric, and with any type of repair things would have to come here, or that is just to house, right? The baseyard.

Ms. Mahikoa: Right.

Councilmember Carvalho: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: Can you get me a cost estimate of how much it will be to install, from the infrastructure, concrete to ordering the shed with the solar light, and to be completed? What would it cost?

Ms. Mahikoa: It varies significantly depending on the location. Would you be seeking an idea of that location in Kalāheo possibly? Or do you want more of just a general?

Councilmember DeCosta: I understand the one (1) on the bypass road, we would have to put down more concrete, or do more leveling work, but the one (1) in Kalāheo would basically go on that flat area where our housing project is. I just want a ballpark price in case we want to add structures to be ordered, so you folks have some on hand to address some situations that we have in the community, we know what we are working with, whether it is \$10,000, \$30,000, \$50,000, I do not know. I have no idea.

Mr. Ozaki: Excuse me, Councilmember DeCosta. I am sorry, I want to point out that the bus stop location you are referring to is part of a Safe Route To School Plan (SRTS) that is upcoming, not funded yet, but just so you are aware, it is planned to be included for a new bus shelter there.

Councilmember DeCosta: It is in our plan.

Mr. Ozaki: Through a SRTS. However, it takes some time to get to that point, but it is part of the plan, it is not funded yet.

Councilmember DeCosta: What would be the timeline?

Mr. Ozaki: I do not have a timeline for you now, but I can get that for you.

Councilmember Carvalho: Just a clarification, SRTS are for Kalāheo?

Mr. Ozaki: Including that bus shelter that Councilmember DeCosta was asking about.

Councilmember Carvalho: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any more questions for Transportation?

Councilmember Cowden: In general?

Council Chair Rapozo: In general.

Councilmember Cowden: I have one (1). I sent something in December. I know we used one (1) of those buses recently when we did that Kawaihau Road, it was nice, but there were four (4) buses parked at Vidinha Stadium, is there something wrong with those buses? They have been parked there for a while, is there a reason why we are not using them? They seem new.

Ms. Mahikoa: Yes, they are relatively new. They are parked there particularly because of the limitations on space we have, that we are in the middle of right now; however, those vehicles were purchased primarily for use on the senior center program support for those trips that were occurring, and through COVID-19 things shutdown, the manpower challenges, we still have not been able to ramp up to that level of service yet.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. Those went to Nāwiliwili, Alu Like, and the *kūpuna* things. I remember how much they loved that, so those were bought for them.

Ms. Mahikoa: Well, it is bought for transit service; however, because of the size of them, we utilize them for those smaller, more intricate type of trips, which was typically our specialized contract that we have with the Recreation Agency for senior centers service.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Peters: We also used these vehicles for Tropic Care when those folks were here. We have also used them with other agencies, because we own those

buses, they are not tied to restrictions that are put on by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). We are able to coordinate with other agencies a little more.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. They seem like they are paratransit accessible. Okay. I would not notice if they were not at Vidinha they would be at the regular parking area, so it might get used more. I just see them parked over there.

Mr. Peters: Another caveat to that is we had to make room for Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) project that is going on in the parking lot, as well. As soon as they wrap up that project, which is anticipated to be done in late April, we will be able to move those buses back into our parking lot.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, they just look lonely and in great shape.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for Transportation? I have a really quick story about Mr. Peters, if you do not mind. Yes, I know. Years ago, a bunch of veterans wanted to get together to repaint the cemetery. Do you remember this Mr. Peters?

Mr. Peters: I do.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have all these veterans together, and we meet at the cemetery at whatever time it was, 7:30 a.m., and the County was supposed to drop off the paint. I cannot remember if it was you or Bryan, but anyway, not you, but through the Department of Parks & Recreation, and we show up and there is one (1) five (5) gallon bucket of paint, one (1), and you know how big that building is. I freak out, because we have a bunch of volunteers waiting for...can I say, he was working for Home Depot?

Mr. Peters: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I will say it, so I called Home Depot, I do not know who to talk to, I ask to speak to the manager, he answers the phone, I said, "I do not know you, you do not know me, I am in a bind, and I am willing to buy it." He said, "What are you folks doing?" And I told him what we were doing, and he said, "You know what, give me a little bit of time." In about less than two (2) hours Mr. Peters was there with paint, rollers, brushes, pans, drop cloths, and more importantly human beings to help paint, and the project was able to go through because of you folks, so thank you very much. I do not think I really had the opportunity to really thank you, but that was amazing how you made that happen.

Mr. Peters: It is important that we give back to the community.

Councilmember Carvalho: Awesome.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not know if that is appropriate to say in a Council Meeting, but what the heck. I did. Alright, Housing. Thank you so much folks.

Three (3) items, affordable housing in 'Ele'ele, again, no new funding, this is Lima Ola, we have heard a lot about that through recent meetings. Pending Waimea gym development as it will impact drainage, procuring professional services, again, no new money, and construction and engineering documents for new access road in Kīlauea \$450,000. Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: I have to go back to that first one, the project to develop affordable housing in 'Ele'ele. Adam, these moneys is to...what are we putting in? I know there was some discrepancy when I went out there, I told you there were some infrastructure, electric, plumbing underground, they already has asphalt paved over it with sidewalks, you had to re-dig up those areas to put in some kind of EV charger line that would have to go in separate, whatever construction we are doing with this funding, is it going to obstruct any of the phase work that we already did with the infrastructure already in place?

ADAM P. ROVERSI, Housing Director: Adam Roversi, Housing Director for the record. Thank you. I am unaware of any work that needs to be redone at Lima Ola in Phase I, so roads, water, sewer, are all installed improved by the relevant departments. The funding that remains in the CIP budget will be used for Phase II infrastructure work, which is yet to be designed and planned, but it should not be impacted in any way by potential EV-charger station installations on the existing lots.

Councilmember DeCosta: Do you remember I told you about the Phase II, and you had the drainage system that would come over the road instead of under the road, and I brought that to your attention, if you were going to put in any type of sidewalks, or paving in, that you should have addressed that? Because apparently the road going into Phase II sits lower than the drainage system that comes towards the road, the water will eventually run over that road.

Mr. Roversi: I believe that the area that you are talking about is not where Phase II goes, it is at the bottom of the project where a potential road could connect to a future A&B project, but A&B does not exist anymore in that area, so we do not expect there ever to be an A&B project.

Councilmember DeCosta: That is a dead zone area that road is going into, there is no Phase III or no other Phase right now.

Mr. Roversi: The County has no intentions to continue that road anytime in the near future.

Councilmember DeCosta: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Can I ask about the Kīlauea Access Road? Is Ala Namahana Parkway completion up to the highway?

Mr. Roversi: Yes. The funds in the CIP Budget are for the planning and construction drawings, not for the actual construction work.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes.

Mr. Roversi: But the documents that will be necessary, essentially to have a shovel-ready project when and if we can identify construction funds for the work on that road.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. If there is money out there, we can grab it, but right now we do not have a date that we would be thinking this would happen, but we will get a plan together, at least.

Mr. Roversi: Correct, this is one of those things where there is a lot of talk about the Biden Infrastructure Funding, and these piles of money that are going to magically arrive someday, so we want to have shovel-ready projects when and if those funds actually do materialize, we want to have things ready to go.

Councilmember Cowden: Well, I am very happy about that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: The road would be entirely a County road?

Mr. Roversi: Yes.

Councilmember Kualii: Do you have a sense of how much money it will take ultimately?

Mr. Roversi: We have had some vague discussions with Public Works about that. I hesitate to say a number, because it is just "guesstimates" at this point. I have heard everywhere from \$16,000,000 to \$22,000,000 to construct that entire roadway, but I would not want to be held to either of those numbers because we have not done the preliminary environmental review, we have not done the historical property review, we have not done the preliminary engineering work, and really I think the folks at Public Works would be better positioned to give a road cost estimate than I would.

Councilmember Kualii: Probably the same thing is true for timeline, but obviously this is the first step that has to happen in order to move things along.

Mr. Roversi: Yes, and it goes hand in hand with the...it is not part of the CIP budget, but if you recall, we received a TOD planning award last year, which is funding the environmental reviews, and so forth, which will cover not just the project for the area for the housing, but will also incorporate the land area for the road, so we were able to wrap in the predevelopment work for both, and kickoff the construction plan again, so we have a shovel-ready project.

Councilmember Kualii: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for Housing? If not, thank you very much, Adam. As I said in the beginning, there are some projects in the Operating Budget, I am not sure who is coming up for that, Mike.

Councilmember Cowden: Where is the General Excise Tax (GET) for us?

Council Chair Rapozo: It is in the Operating Budget of Public Works. You can help us with the page number, I was trying to find the...

TROY K. TANIGAWA, County Engineer: Master page 285-286.

Councilmember Cowden: Page 285.

Mr. Tanigawa: Page 286.

Mr. Dahilig: Chair, just to point out to the Members, if you look at page 286, you will see line item 2022071624 that there is an appropriation for \$15,600,000 in islandwide resurfacing and road and bridge repairs. As part of the non-CIP items, these tend to act typically as repair items that are a big bulk of the GET budget, so I wanted to point that out as these sit as more of a contractual item for road resurfacing and those types of things rather than CIP projects. I wanted to make that a point to highlight as part of your CIP discussion.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any questions? Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes, just because I might not have understood. This \$15,600,000, you are saying, I do not want to call it a "slush fund," but it is a general fund where when you are fixing different roads, that is where this is coming from, so they are just not identified as to which road.

Mr. Dahilig: Typically, Todd can speak more to it, but it is part of the islandwide resurfacing and road resurfacing program. Typically, what happens is a list is compiled at the beginning of the year as to what roads are slated for potential resurfacing, then they pass the contractor to go ahead and actually move through those roads throughout that contract period. If you want to elaborate more on that, and how it works.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes. Currently, the contract in place with what we refer to as islandwide road resurfacing 2020, so that has been going on for several years. They have remaining work, repaving possibly out through July, possibly August, then we are currently working on a new combination of bids to be more efficient in how we pave, and we should be expecting to go out to bid very soon. We just received final plans, just waiting on approval of those for us to do internal reviews, then we will be going out. I am not sure that answers your questions.

Councilmember Cowden: When we went to the Roads Department and we saw specific projects like Olohena Road, or when we are seeing some of those, this is different from that in what way?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes, so some of the other roads that we already went through, those were called Statewide Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) roads, Federally funded roads.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, right.

Mr. Ozaki: The islandwide road resurfacing program is just GET, a little different, these are smaller roads, typically, in the communities.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, little patches here and there.

Mr. Ozaki: It used to be sort of that way, now we are hitting larger areas, a lot of (inaudible) we are only patching one (1) road, then moving out mobilizing one (1) area, and missing out on some other roads, and a lot of it was funding related. Now, with GET we are able to pave efficiently, and knock out the areas that we should be focusing on.

Councilmember Cowden: When are we having this Kekaha meeting...what day is it? Is it this week or next week where people are going to talk about what they want fixed? Do you remember what day it is?

Mr. Ozaki: April 5th.

Councilmember Cowden: April 5th. Is that a STIP type of project, or is that like a GET?

Mr. Ozaki: That one (1) in particular is a STIP, so I do want to put it out, because Kekaha does come up very often through emails and phone calls for complaints.

Councilmember Cowden: Yes.

Mr. Ozaki: Good news is the STIP project covers Kekaha Road, and I cannot remember the name of the road as it turns *makai*, but that is handled through the STIP. Literally, every other road in Kekaha that was not repaved, which is about three (3) to five (5) years ago is being repaved, so the entire community is coming up.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: We have \$15,600,000, do we have a list for the islandwide resurfacing?

Mr. Ozaki: This one (1) that will be going out to bid very shortly, so what we have done is we have worked with our three (3) different baseyards, our roads baseyards to come up with the best list of roads, so the other folks on the roads doing the repairs. In the past, we have used a system that arbitrarily chose roads based off of calculations that we have determined now to be not very reliable, so using a more practical approach, we have identified roads that not only need it, but we were able to focus on the roads that need reconstruction as opposed to just repaving, so these funds are going to be used to address the roads that “need it” versus just resurfacing.

Council Chair Rapozo: I guess my question is, how do we get to \$15,600,000, do we have a list?

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do we have a list of what needs reconstruction? What needs repaving? That is the list.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes, we do. We do have a list. Are you asking to see it?

Council Chair Rapozo: As some point, but not right now, but before decision-making, because, again, I do not want to just put \$15,600,000 and we are going to try to spend it. I want to know; how much are we paying per mile for reconstruction? How much are we paying per mile for repaving? How many miles did we get covered in the last Fiscal Year, this existing Fiscal Year? That is my interest. How much are we paying? Are we paying too much? I think that is where I am concerned.

Mr. Ozaki: Cost definitely have risen recently, so the good news is going out to bid now for a new contract, we are going to be taking advantage of coveted bids. Our current contract, we have been using for quite some time, so we are relying on and trusting in one (1) contract, and we do cost analysis, and we have identified through change orders that it seems fairly reasonable, but now we are going to guarantee it through competitive bids.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, I think that is the way to go. This change order thing, I do not “dig” that where the folks bid low, and you just pay them more throughout the contract by doing change orders. There has to be a cost that we should be targeting based on the cost of the supplies.

Mr. Ozaki: I can definitely get you an average of cost per mile. It is not going to be the clearest picture just because of the variety of treatments that we are dealing with. Like I said, we are addressing some of the reconstruction that is desperately needed. For example, Weliweli Road in Kōloa, upper Waipouli is another one (1) that is in critical condition, so the cost per mile there is significantly, multiple times higher than what we would expect to see.

Council Chair Rapozo: But we are reconstructing.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, there is a difference if we are reconstructing versus repaving.

Mr. Ozaki: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: So, we should have two (2) numbers, right?

Mr. Ozaki: It is on this spectrum. Some are fully reconstruction; some are almost halfway in between.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay, got it.

Mr. Ozaki: This year we did go one (1) step further in the analysis using geotechnical studies, and we hired a consultant to give us better plans, more thorough plans of how we should go about each road, so the benefit is we are going to end up with a better product for sure, so we are trying to get ahead of where we are now. Currently, we are trying to play “catch up” with reconstruction, so the goal is complete the reconstruction, eventually get to the point where we are doing very light, what we refer to as “mill and fill,” we scrape a couple of inches, and repave a couple of inches versus going deeper, and reconstruct.

Council Chair Rapozo: The audit identified some issues with the GET funding, has that all been rectified already?

Mr. Tanigawa: Yes. Based on the findings of the audit, we went back, and we made corrections.

Council Chair Rapozo: All of them?

Mr. Tanigawa: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. Are there any other questions?
Councilmember DeCosta.

Councilmember DeCosta: I think I brought this to Troy’s knowledge before, but this is really simple. We have a customer who calls in that their roadway, private land touches our paved area, we just newly paved it, but they have a small pothole that is on their property, but the water runs off of our County road, and where we paved, it goes into this big pothole, and comes over their driveway. This funding here, if a customer called and we wanted to patch that hole, even if it is not on our property, but because of the way we paved, and the way our drainage runs that brings the water from *mauka* to that person’s property, can this funding here be used for things like that? Like patching an emergency pothole for a community member that might have his Acura bottom out when he is going into his driveway.

Mr. Tanigawa: We typically do work within the County property. Right now, the way we are doing resurfacing and repaving, we are taking off a layer of roadway and replacing it, so unless there are drastic changes in the grading in the area, which the islandwide resurfacing program does not do, the drainage should be similar to what it was.

Councilmember DeCosta: So, you are telling me that we do not go and fill up those potholes that are not in our County?

Mr. Tanigawa: Typically, if it is not on County property, we do not touch it.

Councilmember DeCosta: I have seen some that have some asphalt. Now, whether the community members paid for it out of their own pocket, or they did it themselves, but I was just wondering. The second question I had was, when this fund here of \$15,000,000, I know we are talking about roads, but what if we had to do something alongside our roads, widening of a turn, telephone pole, does this funding qualify for that, or do we have a special fund that we can use for things like that radius turn I mentioned that was obstructed by the bridge that we have not fixed yet in Wailua? And there was a pole that I wanted to know if you could help the two (2) homeowners to remove, but I know funding was a shortfall, are we able to use this account for things like that? Like if we had to assist a driveway that comes out onto our County road, but there was a telephone pole that was obstructing it, and because it is our fault that the bridge that we have not repaired yet, is this fund available, or is this strictly for resurfacing roads?

Mr. Tanigawa: Sometimes there are conditions that funding is not the issue, it is more policy type decisions, so in those cases, I think we have to get to the policy decision first. Wherever the improvement or work involves a change within a roadway system, then GET funds would be eligible for the cost for that type of work, so those are instances that we have to get pass the principle policy issue or policy question first.

Councilmember DeCosta: I know you know what I am talking about. Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Are there any other questions for Public Works? If not, thank you very much.

Councilmember Carvalho: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: That concludes the CIP portion of our Budget. We will recess until Thursday, tomorrow there is no activity. Thursday, we will resume at 9:00 a.m. with the Department of Parks & Recreation followed by the Office of the County Attorney, and Liquor.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m.