

MINUTES

HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

May 6, 2020

A meeting of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by KipuKai Kualii, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 11:48 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Luke A. Evslin
Honorable Ross Kagawa (*present at 11:51 a.m.*)
Honorable KipuKai Kualii
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro, Ex-Officio Member

Excused: Honorable Arthur Brun*, Ex-Officio Member

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item as follows:

Bill No. 2774, Draft 1 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HOUSING POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUAI (This item was Deferred to the 1st Committee Meeting in July 2020.)

The following communication was received for the record:

1. Ono, Karen on behalf of the Kaua'i Board of Realtors Les Drent, dated May 5, 2020

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item as follows:

Councilmember Cowden: I move to defer to the 1st Committee Meeting in July 2020.

The motion to defer Bill No. 2774, Draft 1 to the 1st Committee Meeting in July 2020 failed for a lack of a second.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: I think you actually need to take a motion to approve first if you wanted to say anything, Councilmember Kualii. If not, if you do not want any discussion then you can move for a deferral.

Councilmember Chock moved for approval of Bill No. 2774, Draft 1, second by Councilmember Cowden.

Committee Chair Kualii: Do we just have to take the vote now?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: No, if you wanted to say anything, you can say it now. Once you make the motion to defer, all of the discussion is cut off. The motion to approve is on the floor now and it allows you to continue discussion.

Committee Chair Kualii: Right.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay. So, we are looking to defer this?

Committee Chair Kualii: Let me do my thing.

Councilmember Cowden: It seemed like you are not doing it.

Committee Chair Kualii: I am going to request a deferral to the 1st Committee Meeting in July 2020. This is to give us additional time to reach out to constituents and stakeholders. I am going to be personally taking this time to reach out to those stakeholders mentioned previously by Councilmember Cowden and Council Vice Chair Kagawa at the last Committee Meeting, as well as engaging again with the former members of the Housing Advisory Task Force who may have not responded to our prior attempts at reaching them. If any of you have any other contacts that you would like me to include in this outreach, then please let me know by noon tomorrow. Do you have a question?

Councilmember Chock: Thank you for the deferral. The only other thing I saw was testimony from the Kaua'i Board of Realtors requesting a deferral. I was just wondering if we were going to try to meet with them as well? I thought we did meet with them already.

Committee Chair Kualii: We have met with them and I know we are willing to meet with them again if they want to. Now we have this additional time.

Councilmember Chock: Their main concerns were not addressed? Is that why they are requesting more time?

Committee Chair Kualii: I do not know if we will be able to address all of their concerns. We are going to have people on this side and on the total opposite side that do not like everything that we have. We met with the Housing Director, Council Chair Kaneshiro, and I, and we will meet with them again. What we did do, and I worked closely with the Housing Director, to do a thorough letter in Layman's terms if you will, that explains what the major changes are in the Bill.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Committee Chair Kualii: I wanted to send this letter out inviting them to read through the Bill, respond, and to make ourselves available. This would be the Council Chair and I, and the Housing Director to meet with anyone and answer any of their questions.

Councilmember Chock: Okay, thank you.

Committee Chair Kualii: If there are no further comments, I would like to ask for a motion to defer to the 1st Committee Meeting in July 2020 and a second.

Councilmember Cowden moved to defer Bill No. 2774, Draft 1, to the first Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting in July 2020, seconded by Councilmember Cowden, and unanimously carried.

Committee Chair Kualii: Motion is carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott K. Sato
Deputy County Clerk

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2020:



KIPUKAI KUALII
Chair, HIR Committee

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