

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 19, 2024

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Ross Kagawa, Presiding Officer, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 9:08 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Addison Bulosan
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Bill DeCosta
Honorable Ross Kagawa

Excused: Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Cowden, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta, and carried by a vote of 4:0:3 (*Council Chair Rapozo, Councilmember Kuali'i, and Councilmember Carvalho were excused*), the Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting was approved.

The Committee proceeded on its agenda items, as shown in the following Committee Reports, which are incorporated herein by reference:

CR-COW 2024-13: on COW 2024-06 Communication (05/02/2024) from Councilmember DeCosta, requesting the presence of Beth Amaro, Member Services and Communications Manager, Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, to provide a briefing relating to fire mitigation. **(Received for the Record.)**

(Note: The Committee recessed from 9:32 a.m. to 9:41 a.m. during discussion on COW 2024-06 due to technical difficulties.)

CR-COW 2024-14: on COW 2024-07 Communication (06/06/2024) from Councilmember Kagawa, requesting the presence of the Director of Economic Development, the Director of Parks & Recreation, the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, and the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee to provide a briefing to discuss the effort to curb the spread of invasive species such as Little Fire Ant, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, and Rose Ringed Parakeet, also the damage they cause on food production. **(Received for the Record.)**

CR-COW 2024-15: on Bill No. 2912 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 6, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO FINANCE **(Received for the Record.)**

CR-COW 2024-16: on Bill No. 2921 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2023-891, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS AND SEVERE FLOODING WHICH STARTED ON APRIL 11, 2024, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND **(Approved.)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shari L. Rabaino
Council Services Assistant I

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on July 3, 2024:



MEL RAPOZO
Chair, COW Committee