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MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2026

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair 
RE: **APRIL 8, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its April 8, 2026 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2026-77 Communication (03/06/2026) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Kuuleialoha Santos (*Environmental*) to the Planning Commission – Term ending 12/31/2028. (***Received for the Record.***)

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2026-78 Communication (03/12/2026) from Jodi A. Higuchi Sayegusa, Clerk of the Public Access, Open Space, Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission, transmitting for Council information, the Public Access, Open Space, Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission 2024-2025 Biennial Report, pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 14, of the Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended. (***Received for the Record.***)

C 2026-79 Communication (03/05/2026) from Council Chair Rapozo, requesting the presence of Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani, Kaua'i Program Specialist, Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities, to provide a briefing relating to the Smart911 system. (***Received for the Record.***)

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C 2026-80 Communication (03/10/2026) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend supplemental Federal funds in the amount of \$50,000.00, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, for the Kaua'i Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Expansion Project 23-V2-03 (Victim/Witness Program) for the period June 30, 2026 through September 30, 2026. Supplemental funds will increase Federal funds from \$203,743.00 to \$253,743.00. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-81 Communication (03/10/2026) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend Federal funds in the amount of \$122,531.00, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, for the Kaua'i Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Expansion Project 24-V2-03 (Victim/Witness Program) for the period October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-82 Communication (03/17/2026) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to receive and expend Federal funds, in the amount of \$62,485.00, from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fiscal Year 2024 and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, to be used to start the Digital Evidence Transcription Initiative for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-83 Communication (03/30/2026) from Councilmember Cowden, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5A, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Real Property Tax, reducing the amount of calendar days that a homeowner, whose home is receiving a home exemption, is required to occupy the exempted home. The reduction in calendar days is from more than two hundred seventy (270) days, to more than two hundred ten (210) days. **(Received for the Record.)**

CLAIMS:

C 2026-84 Communication (03/25/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by John Mullen & Company on behalf of DB Insurance Co., Ltd., as subrogee of Melanie Quetula, for vehicle damage, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua'i. **(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)**

C 2026-85 Communication (03/30/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Laurie Pimental, for property damage, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua'i. **(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **APPROVED.**

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 2026-12 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (*Kuuleialoha Santos – Environmental*) **(Approved.)**

BILL FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2992) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*Home Exemption – reduction in calendar days for occupancy*) **(Received for the Record.)**

BILL FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 2985 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND **(Approved.)**

Thank you for following up as appropriate, including confidential routing to any appropriate parties, and please do not hesitate to contact me or Council Services Staff if you need further information. Please note that this memorandum presents a summary of the action taken, and reference should be made to the official minutes for a complete record.

cc: KCT Department Heads (*Via Email*)
KCT CCs (*Via Email*)
Council Services Staff (*Via Email*)