

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 10, 2020

The Special Council Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Council Chair Arryl Kaneshiro at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 8:36 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Luke A. Evslin (*via remote technology*)
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro

Excused: Honorable Arthur Brun*

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Please note that we will run today's meeting pursuant to the Governor's Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated March 16, 2020, Sixth Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated April 25, 2020, and Seventh Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated May 5, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The first item is the approval of the agenda.

Councilmember Chock moved for approval of the agenda, as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Kuali'i.

(No written testimony was received and no registered speakers requested to testify regarding this agenda item.)

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any discussion on the agenda from the members?

The motion for approval of the agenda, as circulated, was then put, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1*.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The motion is carried. Next item please.

COMMUNICATION:

C 2020-158 Communication (06/03/2020) from the Managing Director, requesting Council approval to receive and expend a Federal funds subaward of \$28,715,551.00, from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act received by the State of Hawai'i, to be used for expenditures centered around direct assistance; economic and supply chain resilience, and response and preparation for COVID-19-related health emergencies for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Councilmember Kualii moved to approve C 2020-158, seconded by Councilmember Kagawa.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: We did receive one (1) piece of written testimony and we have two (2) recorded testimonies that we will play right now.

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

YOSHITO L'HOTE (*via voicemail message*): Hi, this is Yoshito L'Hote. I am the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for 'Āina Ho'okupu o Kilauea. I was wondering if we can still make telephone testimonies, regarding today's discussion about the COVID-19 funds? We at 'Āina Ho'okupu o Kilauea just wanted to thank the Council for all the work that they do and also the support that they have offered. We are very happy to say, that this long-shot bet of allowing us to come and develop this agricultural center has, I believe, paid off. We are now in the process of bringing in one million dollars (\$1,000,000) into the economy and we have tripled our staff. We want to double our internship program and we are really looking for the ability to keep doing good things for Kaua'i and distributing food around the island. I just wanted to make that testimony and I am not sure how it works, so thank you, very much.

GREGG PACILIO (*via voicemail message*): Good morning, my name is Gregg Pacilio, my phone number is 346-5972, and my E-mail is gpacilio@hhc.org. I will try to be quick. I do have a lot of points and I would love it if you gave me a call to discuss more of them after this brief recording. I want to speak in support of the CARES Act funding for communities that are outdoor and wellness-based for our population at this time. We have a population that have been indoors for three (3) months and needs to get out and do things that can be socially-distanced. Let me introduce myself. I am the Rehabilitation Director for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) – Kaua'i which are two (2) hospitals that are State-owned and run and I have been a physical therapist here for seventeen (17) years. My wife Michelle has been a physical therapist for the same amount of time here on Kaua'i, and our two (2) kids go to Kalāheo Elementary School and Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School. We are homeowners in Kalāheo as well. To specifically support a skate park here on Kaua'i, I want to say that it is healthy, mentally and physically...the sense of community grows and it is a very diversely-attended sport. You see moms with strollers and siblings. It does not discriminate based on gender,

race, or ethnicity, even abilities. We have people of all abilities and *kūpuna* watching. I have seen that personally at many skate parks across the island; even here on Kaua'i with the small examples we have had through the years. Skateboarding is a large part of our community already but we do not have a facility like they have at the City & County of Honolulu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island. The *keiki* safety events at Wilcox Elementary School, Kalāheo Elementary School, Kamehameha Schools, Kekaha Elementary School, et cetera...many events with a lot of community support. There were a lot of people at the Planning Department's event last September at Waimea Theater...I want to say there were over one hundred (100) people supporting skate parks. I brought in three hundred (300) additional signatures, including emergency room (ER) doctors, other physicians, orthopedic surgeons, school principals, you name it. Everybody seems to be supporting skate parks and I know that many of you do as well. Thank you for your thoughtful direction, stewarding, and helping this to become a reality for Kaua'i people. We have childhood obesity, loneliness, depression, suicide, and we have COVID-19 related deconditioning. This is an opportunity again to be outdoors, active, and an activity that can be socially-distanced. Sorry if I am losing track or being slow. I think I hit most of my points...the widespread community park support, the diverse, multigenerational gender inclusivity, and the healthcare proactive wellness aspect of skateboarding. To finish up, I want to say, "Yes, it has economic benefits and there is a large economy within developing the park as well as the community that it builds and the skate culture that occurs around it." Local businesses already combined with the Kaua'i Skate 'Ohana to build events that would promote business...the clothing of today is very much inspired by skateboarding and it all works together when you have a quality facility. As a local homeowner with kids and a wife, I want to let you folks know that we do have local nonprofits here on Kaua'i that are ready to hire local people for supplies and labor. The Kaua'i Skate 'Ohana is ready for this and we have been preparing for many years. Again, I would like to thank-you for your time. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything relating to this, Gregg Pacilio, 346-5972. Thank you for accepting this testimony to the Kaua'i County Council, today on June 10th, *aloha*.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: That is all the testimony we have received on this item. While the rules are suspended, I will let Mike take it away. If you want to give us an overview, Mike. We are not able to hear you, Mike.

MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, Managing Director: Council Chair Kaneshiro and Councilmembers, Mike Dahilig, Managing Director, for the record. First, I would like to thank the Council for convening a Special Council Meeting for this item. I know that many of the items relating to COVID-19 have been on the fly. One of the things we have been doing last Wednesday while the Council Meeting was going on was having this correspondence forwarded to you of the Governor requiring a pretty quick turnaround. We appreciate your flexibility and taking the time out of your schedule to convene the Special Council Meeting to meet the Governor's requirements.

We are requesting for action, by the Council, a request to receive and expend funds for the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and we would be the subaward grantee of approximately twenty-eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$28,700,000). As part of the requirements by Governor David Y. Ige that needs to be submitted by June 12th or this Friday is a planned budget of expenditures for these moneys. Over the past few weeks, we appreciated the informal dialogue that we have had with you as we are also required to track potential spending of CARES Act money as asked by the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Finance Committee of the Legislature who appropriated these funds. At this time, I do not have an actual Session Law number, so we are referring to this as Bill No. 75, HD1, as the requirements we are currently following to "tee up" expenditures of these moneys. What is included in this meeting today is the consultation that is required with the legislative body for conditional receiving of these funds pursuant to Bill No. 75, HD1. We expect that to be signed by the Governor and I will be able to forward you folks the actual Session Law number shortly. As mentioned in the memorandum, the proposed strategy for expending these funds revolves around three (3) State areas; one is direct assistance, which is assistance that will be given to predominantly nonprofits or the community at-large in the form of grants. We would look at the second area as economic and supply-chain resiliency. This is looking at predominantly hardening our food supply and other areas of agriculture; that is something that has been an issue over time due to things like Young Brothers, the potential drawdown of services, and other ancillary issues.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Mike, I am going to stop you real quickly. If you could stand a little bit further back...

Mr. Dahilig: Let me see if I can drawdown the sensitivity of the microphone. Is my microphone volume better this time?

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Yes.

Mr. Dahilig: Okay, I will try to talk softer and slow.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Yes, probably softer and slower.

Mr. Dahilig: The third area is related to response and preparation features related to COVID-19 emergencies. We know that the emergency period...are you still getting the feedback?

Councilmember Kagawa: You are good.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: No, it is working.

Mr. Dahilig: These are expenses directly related to the County's response. What we are concerned about is that we know COVID-19 is still being circulating in the community. We need to be able to have funds available going into December 30th to be able to sustain a potential second wave or those types of support systems. Again, if an incidence of disease were to come back to the islands, those would be items related to those areas. The initial memorandum that I sent over to you folks included the philosophy that we tried to equally distribute the twenty-eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$28,700,000) in these areas. However, as we still solicited feedback with our Economic Development team, as well as some of our community support functions here at the County, we tried to push the money to direct assistance and the economic and supply chain resiliency. At this time, what you will see is approximately eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) or sixty percent (60%) of the budget is specifically for direct access. In addition, we have additional moneys that is specifically going for houseless types of initiatives and the overall administrative costs that the County we will be needing when it comes to labor will only be five percent (5%) of the overall budget; therefore, we are trying to keep that as low as possible. We circulated via E-mail Monday afternoon a draft budget for you folks to view in the system. It is a proposal that the County Administration is sending over for your review and we are available for any questions regarding this budget or any function as to how the CARES Act agreement or sub-agreement with the Governor is going to work. I am available for any questions, Chair.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Are there any questions from the members? Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you, Mike, for this updated budget. I just see some changes to the previous draft, so I wanted to get a little bit of clarity on them. It looks like we moved, for instance, agriculture infrastructure towards agricultural grants, which I am supportive of and pleased to see. There are other areas with grants and I am wondering if you could just explain how you folks intend to process the grants? What size of grants you are looking to disburse and when?

Mr. Dahilig: The large premise of this is that we are concerned with the very short turnaround at the end of disbursement and complete expenditure. In reviewing the guidance from the Department of Treasury at the Federal-level, along with the guidance document given by the State, "the handbook" it is pretty clear that construction activities need to be completed by December 30th. On top of that, there is a requirement for us to follow some type of procurement process, so that really trumps the performance period when you are looking at a hard deadline on December 30th. That is why we have looked at grants as a means of pushing money out towards the private sector, as a way to have money being injected, rather than the County running procured items specifically on our end. That is why

you see the example he showed on the one with agricultural assistance...we moved to more of a grant model...that is something that would be initiated by the County for construction. The way we were looking at trying to disburse the money is through competitive means. There is a requirement in the sub-grant agreement that the moneys are guaranteed to be disbursed free of conflict of interest, so the best way that we can see, at least being able to insulate a liability for the County, is to at least run all these grant approvals through an request for proposal (RFP) process, even though it is short. We are currently developing an RFP process, that should the Council approve the receipt and expenditure of the funds, we would be immediately pushing out proposals to the nonprofit community to ask what we can do to support these general initiatives. I do not believe that at this time we are looking at specifically a hard limitation on grant amounts, but that may vary by different initiatives that are in the different budget line items. That is something that we are open to come back for. What we are attempting to do is to try to get the RFP process grant sub-agreements with the County through legal review and disbursements so that the actual expenditure of the funds by the nonprofits can be initiated on July 16th. That would largely give the private sector and the economic community approximately four and a half (4.5) months of performance time before we start running up the December period. One other thing, and the reason why we try to expand the performance period as much as possible, is that there is a requirement by the State that on December 11th, we do not anticipate moneys to be expended by any of the means we are deploying. We need to certify the amount that is remaining and return those funds to the State of Hawai'i. That is why we are increasingly concerned about the durability of the nonprofits being able to spend down this money, so we do not end up in a situation where we have to return money back to the State, which they have to return back to the Federal government. I hope that answers your question, Councilmember.

Councilmember Chock: Yes, so again, I think I heard you say that at this point there is not any range of the grant funding and that it could be based on project and need, so you folks are going to open it up to whatever proposals are in each grant line item, and from there, mitigate it; is that correct?

Mr. Dahilig: That is correct.

Councilmember Chock: Okay, thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Follow-up, Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I have follow-up questions regarding the agriculture elements and the grants. I pay a lot of attention, in particular, to a certain area in Kilauea because I live right there. Some of the goals that I have seen proposed are enduring—that will last long beyond this COVID-19 time—I like that, so this December 30th deadline is very important.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Cowden: When I look here on, 1.12 on page 7 of this document that you gave us—the Hawai‘i State Handbook—under termination of agreement—makes me a little nervous—it says, “Governor may, at its sole discretion, terminate this grant agreement without recourse, liability, or penalty against the Governor upon written notice to guarantee.” It looks like it does not even need to have cause, so when I look at page 13, under 5.3, it says, “The discretionary right of the Governor to terminate convenience under Section 1.13 notwithstanding Governor shall have the right to terminate the Grant Agreement and to recapture, and be reimbursed for any payments by the Governor.” Can you help me understand that? Am I reading this right? Is this saying, if they did not like a project they can stop it or if it was not finished, say if something was being constructed, they would have to pay all that money back?

Mr. Dahilig: That could be the interpretation based on the way you are reading it, Councilmember. That is why we are looking at the method of expenditure as a means of testing whether the funds can actually be spent out that quickly. So you are correct in the way that you are reading it, that if the Governor’s Office sees that either we are not spending the funds in a method consistent with the CARES Act objectives that is laid out by the Congress, or we choose a project that is not meant to have the full amount of money spent out, that is where the recapturing that you were highlighting comes into play.

Councilmember Cowden: When I see something that we could call a “resilience element” of this, like there is a pig farm that is closing on the south side of the island that would maybe be relocated to the north side...that takes permitting, I mean, there is more than just building—all of this stuff can be built to move inside the window of time, but my experience is getting the State Department of Health permits or building permits that could take a long time. Is there any acceleration of the permitting that is allowed in this COVID-19 time?

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Mr. Dahilig: That is a good question, Councilmember. There is acceleration of permitting at the County and State-level when it comes to certain things...these permits are able to be waived, they are not waived, per se. What is clear is that if it is anything that relates to Federal Clean Air Act or Federal Water Pollution Act requirements—those cannot be waived. For example, if there is a project that is being done that could violate the non-resource distribution laws that we are obligated to follow, that would be something that would concern us, as something that is indicative of the inability to spend down by December 30th, so that is how that would be analyzed.

Councilmember Cowden: For one of these grant applicants—I feel like these ideas are really great—I am not sure if they are meeting directly with the County. Is it something that they can be...I would have to imagine that they are—they would come in and they would be working step-by-step before they were given that money, because it would be really catastrophic to get quite a ways moved along and then stopped at ninety percent (90%) complete or even seventy-five percent (75%).

Mr. Dahilig: Right. That is where the voracity of the proposals are going to have to be evaluated and we are looking at having separate RFP committees as part of it. One of the ideas that we did have was actually inviting Councilmembers to sit on the RFP committees for the various line items. One of the groups we could look at would be...you have the ability or you can ask if you have the ability to have permitting waived for your particular construction project. For example, if there is a permitting element that is already covered for soil conservation, because of a valid United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) soil conservation plan, we would not have any concern about them having to obtain grading permits, because that is consistent with those types of activities, so they would not need additional permitting. But if it is something that is about restoration or having to go into streams or do those types of things that they do not have an National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit—doing those types of things that would give us a little bit of cause for saying, “Are you able to meet the timeline for completion of construction by December 30th?” So it really varies case-by-case based on the number of proposals, but from an Administrative standpoint, if there are County permits that need to be waived, it is something that we are already looking and doing at various levels, because the Governor has waived Chapter 46, which included a lot of permitting requirements under our Code, so we do have that capacity to try and swift through some of these proposals if they are by County partners.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, I would like to say that I appreciate the thought of the Councilmembers being included, because I think it helps defray some of the accountability/blame added to the workload and effort. I am very much interested in assisting with some that seems an appropriate match for me.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Mike, I have a follow-up on the deadline. How difficult will it be—since we are submitting this budget to the State—for us to move money around as we start to get closer to the deadline? Hopefully we do not get another big outbreak, but a lot of this response and preparedness money for the next wave may not be spent, so how difficult or what is the process for us to be able to say, “I do not anticipate us being able to spend the money on this line item, so we want to move it to something else”?

Mr. Dahilig: There are three things we are looking at that kind of controls of this: the first one is that the State is going to require a monthly report, so the reconciliation of expenditures are going to have to be passed down to the nonprofits, as well as our government entities internally that are going to be doing the spend downs to give us the status on what money has been disbursed, what has been spent, what has been encumbered, et cetera, so we will have that monthly tracking process because it is required by rule. The second thing that we are going to be doing is looking at the actual timeline for performance. We do want to have the ability to have enough time to rapidly pull back the money and push it out before December 11th—that is the key date, so we are going to be building into the performance timelines with everyone, whether it be nonprofit or internal government expenditures to be able to scoop and push back; that is why you see in the proposed CARES budget that there is an item C.10 for contingency, as well as consolidated unspent funds for redistribution. We only have one dollar (\$1) in there right now, but that is meant to be an opportunity for us to pull back funds incase people are not performing or our departments are not performing and be able to rapidly push them out again. We do have the ability to push it to various areas of needs and areas like food support or whatever, there still is the opportunity to push these out before December 30th. We need to be able to certify by December 11th, so we are building it to that timeline; that is the second item. The third thing that we are looking at is that we do not intend to deviate from the current grant standard—when we give out grants and aids—by only giving and fronting eighty percent (80%) of the moneys, so we will still be holding on to the twenty percent (20%) of the moneys as a retention and we do not intend to deviate from the current practice, because we think it is a good practice to have some moneys held back. Those are the three items that we will be looking at.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Okay, thanks. In regards to the CARES Act money from the Federal government, is the State under the same type of timeline and restrictions that we are under?

Mr. Dahilig: Yes, they are, unless the Congress decides to change the deadline; everyone is following that December 30th deadline.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: So, any money that goes unspent by us goes straight back to the Federal government?

Mr. Dahilig: Well, it goes back to the State and then goes back to the Federal government, unless the State can figure out how to spend the money themselves in that short period of time. We want to be able to spend every dollar we can before the December deadline...certify that we can spend all the twenty-eight million seven hundred fifteen thousand five hundred fifty-one dollars (\$28,715,551).

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Okay, Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: Mike, so when we were talking about grants, I am not sure if you had mentioned when or the date that the RFPs were going out.

Mr. Dahilig: We are aiming to try to get it out next week. The target for us would be to be able to do disbursement and notice to proceed by September.

Councilmember Kualii: Will there be different RFPs for all these different grants?

Mr. Dahilig: That is correct. There is going to be one master RFP, because approximately eighty percent (80%) to ninety percent (90%) of the requirements are going to be the same across the board, along with the general terms and conditions of the County, so really the only difference is going to be the scoping elements for each of these different project areas that we are looking at, so it will be one master RFP document with a menu of different grants that people can apply for. We are looking at using the Kauaiforward.com portal as a way to have a one-stop shop, one single source for intake and communication on all of these various grant projects. We do not want the public to be confused as to who to go to or where to go to, in terms of being able to get information, submit, and being able to keep track of where the process is at any given time. One other thing, too, is that we are looking at the Kauaiforward.com site—and again, this is to be consistent with the conflict of interest measures that are in the CARES Act handbook, which is to utilize our OpenGov platform that will show in real time where expenditures, encumbrances, and the drawing out of various line items are going at any given time. We are also going to be using the OpenGov platform that we have to graphically show the public where the money is going.

Councilmember Kualii: The one grant line item, the fourth one, under direct assistance, small business loans and other business support grants, so how does that five million dollar (\$5,000,000) figure break up between those two amounts and how are you facilitating those small business loans?

Mr. Dahilig: We are largely leaving that as an opportunity to implement some of the directives or some of the recommendations in the Kaua'i Economic Recovery Strategy Teams (KERST) report, that is still out for public review. It was more of a generic kind of range where we are just going to say we are going to earmark five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to business support elements that we see are necessary out there. In terms of the actual grant process for that, it would also potentially be either a competitive process or something that we would work with the Chamber of Commerce on in terms of targeting areas of need.

Councilmember Kualii: Is that RFP part of the RFPs that are going out next week?

Mr. Dahilig: Yes, that is to be the idea.

Councilmember Kualii: Regarding the business support grants RFP next week, the business loans' process is still developing?

Mr. Dahilig: Right, if you look at what the City and County of Honolulu has been doing, they have engaged directly with a lot of their local credit unions for disbursement. We did partner once with the Kaua'i Government Federal Credit Union (KGEFCU) on a loan program; what we are trying to do is work with our private sector partners to look at the credit unions estimated to have these moneys up to rapidly distribute to our small businesses.

Councilmember Kualii: The third item in the Economic and Supply Chain Resiliency section, that grant is "Rise to Work – Non-Profit Grants (e.g., Ag, IT and Conservation Workers)." Originally, you were talking about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and about employing people—kind of right away—who have lost their jobs...so it would be grants to nonprofits to employ people even though it is on a finite period, maybe for three (3) months or five (5) months, because it would have to end on December 30th, right? The spending of that grant money would have to end on December 30th.

Mr. Dahilig: That is correct.

Councilmember Kualii: That could be employees with benefits, part-time employees, stipend employees—could it be all kinds of different options as far as employing people?

Mr. Dahilig: We leave it up to the nonprofits to figure out how to harness the potential for human capital and be able to deploy in the best way that fits their employee expenditure, so if it is via stipend for unemployment for four (4) months, part-time to come in...I think our goal is to try to at least, for the short period of time, get people working and build some capacity with our nonprofit sectors for resilience, digital resilience, and environmental resilience.

Councilmember Kualii: The last question is about the digital services for public and digital equity efforts—those two (2) line items. How will that actually be done? Is it being done by the County?

Mr. Dahilig: Yes, those are County items, specifically. What we are trying to do is harden our digital interfaces with business processes, so things like the kiosk are an example of what we do need to have...those that are much more robust when it comes to having the business processes being available to the public at little to no charge. That is what we are trying to do with a lot of our payment schemes. When it comes to digital equity efforts, what we are mainly concerned about is that it adds employment rates maintained at high-levels...the capacity to pay utility bills related to digital connectivity are going to mean that members of our community may fall outside of access and maintain that our public members are all able to get access to internet and connectivity. So what we are looking at with that one is working with the Information Technology (IT) Division to build on the hotspots that we already have around the whole island at community centers and seeing ways that we can also enhance things, like for example, connectivity on the public transit system, etcetera, and paying for those connectivity costs. That effort is going to be led by partially our IT Division to provide more public access to connectivity and maintain safety as well.

Councilmember Kualii: If a nonprofit or a community association has a community facility where the public goes to and if either of those types of organizations wanted to get a grant for improving their digital availability where they would be able to provide a space for the public to come and use their internet and have connection,...

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Kualii: ...which one of these grants would they apply for?

Mr. Dahilig: We would look at the Nonprofit Economic Support Loss Grants section as one way of looking at it. It is not exclusive to look at the connectivity efforts to pour some money out as a grant item, so if that is something, Councilmember, that you would like to see, specifically lined out, we can certainly try to split that where we move sources around.

Councilmember Kualii: It does seem like it is in the area of the Economic and Supply Chain Resiliency section because then it becomes an investment in the future, right? I am not talking about direct assistance to individuals, but to potential nonprofits or even community associations that, in turn, by having that digital capacity would be another option for folks, right? If we had digital capacity, more and more of it, all over the island, then we end up having more of our citizens, perhaps, interfacing with our government that way and not having to drive to Līhu'e; that is just what I was thinking about.

Mr. Dahilig: We agree wholeheartedly and concur with that policy and philosophy, Councilmember.

Councilmember Kualii: Okay, thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Evslin.

Councilmember Evslin: A couple quick questions. You mentioned to Councilmember Kualii or Council Chair Kaneshiro regarding flexibility or hiring that nonprofits could structure it however they wanted to; would that include the ability to hire a contractor for a job?

Mr. Dahilig: As long as they are able to show in their proposal that hiring process disbursement and their ability to follow the Federal Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as well as the grant agreements by the State and Federal government, and have the work completed before December 30th, that is really the kind of trifecta that we are willing to have with them.

Councilmember Evslin: Even if the funds are then extended by December 30th, say the contractor is paid to do the work, but the work is not completed by December 30th, would that be a violation?

Mr. Dahilig: We have asked that question many times. We have tried to see whether or not the encumbrance process would be a way to call something "expended." Rather than dealing with the potential risk of that, because we have not received any clear definition of whether an encumbrance is an expenditure, we will be focusing on things that can be completed and occupied by December 30th. That is why some of the initial items that we have been thinking about regarding construction, particularly Countywide construction, because we have to go through procurement, kind of fell through at the wayside, because with this large amount of money, we were concerned about the risk it could play in case the Federal or State government would ask for the money back and we may not have the ability to pay them back.

Councilmember Evslin: Is there any requirement of RFPs for local labor or a local contractor?

Mr. Dahilig: We are going to make it clear that they have to apply as a "Kauai entity." Therefore, whatever that means is what we are going to be pushing out as a requirement. We do not want the funds going to a nonprofit on Oahu for Oahu citizens, but we know that organizations such as Catholic Charities and the Institute for Youth Services do work on all islands, so that is why we are going to make it clear that this money is to be spent on Kauai specifically, for Kauai's people.

Councilmember Evslin: As far as the “labor”—the money will go to the nonprofit and the nonprofit will hire a contractor to perform the work; can there be a requirement that the contractor be a local contractor?

Mr. Dahilig: I can check on that specifically, but we are at least going to go through the RFP to say that the work needs to be done on Kaua‘i, for Kaua‘i people.

Councilmember Evslin: Okay. We just received the testimony regarding the skate park. Is there a possibility that a nonprofit could expend the funds on a County facility doing that type of work?

Mr. Dahilig: It is possible; however, if they are going to do it on a County facility, we would have to go through the proper waivers of law, like Chapter 343 Building Code, et cetera. We would also need to be in a scenario where we would have to come back to the Council to get some type of acceptance of effort and gratis. Therefore, it is possible; however, how we would facilitate something like that, we do not know how that would be done.

Councilmember Evslin: We have talked a few times about that, so my hope is that we could not only make it possible, but also encourage...because we have a lot of work on County facilities that could be done by nonprofits.

Mr. Dahilig: Sure.

Councilmember Evslin: As far as the loan program that you mentioned, I recognized that some of those are grants and some of those are loans; the loan payback would occur over time, I would imagine, so are those funds limited in how the County could re-expend that money?

Mr. Dahilig: We do have existing small business loans out there already, so that is where the loan function of this would be, more along the lines of loan payback versus actual grants, because we cannot have moneys go out and then be paid back over a five-year period, because the money from the CARES Act would have to be given back to the Federal government. We do not want to give the money back as much as possible, so we are looking at businesses that may have proven debt as a consequence of this...private debt is not federally subsidized. This will provide us an opportunity to pay-down in a short amount of time, before December 30th. Again, these are just ideas and that is where the loan element would be. It would not necessarily be for prolonged loan programs that go beyond December 30th.

Councilmember Evslin: Okay. My last comment is that as far as the City and County of Honolulu, in looking at their grant program, it is limited only to businesses that gross less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per year. I think I am looking at restaurants and others who have high rent and high labor costs, they are grossing over one million dollars (\$1,000,000), but they do not actually profit that much money. I hope that we structure a grant program that would not be limited like that, but that is where there would be some types of limitations as far as verifying that they have taken a hit of revenue as such. That is just a comment. Thank you for coming today.

Mr. Dahilig: Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Cowden.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Cowden: I have a follow-up to what Councilmember Evslin has just asked. It might have been answered, but I am just trying to make it very, very clear for people who are listening.

(Councilmember Chock was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Cowden: Who would qualify as a small business grant? We are seeing so many small businesses struggling deeply, anything from building websites to wedding photographers, there are so many small businesses that are falling apart and they feel like they are alone. It is overwhelming when they are already struggling. What are the parameters of who can receive this small business grant?

Mr. Dahilig: The larger focus is going to draw back to those initiatives that does business support for items that are consistent with the KERST report. That is where we are going to be looking at first, for direction on distribution of the money, asking for RFPs...a business proposal would align with the efforts in the KERST report.

Councilmember Cowden: For the listeners, could you explain what "KERST" stands for?

Mr. Dahilig: "Kaua'i Economic Recovery Strategy Teams."

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, because people do not understand. So, the Kaua'i Economic Recovery Strategy Team that we have, they are going to be looking for things that are going to be in there...

(Councilmember Chock was noted as present.)

Councilmember Cowden: In the examples that I just gave, is web design and photography in that? Those are micro-businesses, so would micro-businesses fall into that? People do not know.

Mr. Dahilig: Micro-businesses could possibly fall into that, but they are tourist-related. If they fall in line with the wedding industry or that type of activity, the support program grants under Item B.2 could also apply for the scenario that you are raising. There are a lot of different ways different items could fill in and that is why we are trying to set it up like a menu so that members of the public have different options to look at for avenues of support. But in the scenario that you are raising, it could also be something where the scope is lined out to support micro-businesses that are related to the terms of the industry or economic diversification sector.

Councilmember Cowden: The OpenGov platform is great, by the way, and the financial picture that is available online, if they go down the left, it says, "OpenGov," it shows our finances. Would they be able to go into OpenGov and see this list "A through Z" so they could determine where they qualify? Those examples I gave would be "B.2-Transforming Tourism and Economic Diversification." They could fit into that somehow, right? Will they be able to look at it...I am just trying to make sure that they go to the right place when we have so many people looking for support. Where do they go for the right answers?

Mr. Dahilig: Absolutely, we want to make sure that everyone knows how this money is being divided up and being expended. OpenGov could be an avenue. We are also looking at pushing this on the Kauaiforward.com website so that is a central place for everything COVID-related.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Mr. Dahilig: This document—we want to get it out there as much as possible because the turnaround time for the RFP is going to be short, like the normal thirty (30) days that we provide for our normal grants...because we are trying to provide a window for spend out as much as possible.

Councilmember Cowden: I was reading yesterday, but I do not see it here now...maybe it was coming from a different funding source where people could get real property tax assistance. Am I reading that correctly? I do not see it in the document right in front of me.

Councilmember Chock: That is in the KERST recommendation.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay, the KERST recommendation. For the viewers and for us, some people will not be able to pay their full amount of real property tax because of this hardship that we have gone through. Therefore, I was really pleased to see that there was some consideration for being able to get some funding, and to me, that is a win-win. It keeps the County running, it keeps our people employed, and it keeps our people being able to not need a lien on their property if there is some supplement that can come in. Can you explain that?

Mr. Dahilig: We know that there is going to be a gap in paying real property taxes. As discussed at a previous meeting, the Department of Finance is working on either a monthly payment option or a deferral option going into this upcoming fiscal year. In terms of actual grants, it is not outside the question that a business support need is something a business asked for, for tax support as part of their business costs. That is not necessarily off the question, but to have a blanket program done is something that we have looked at, but we were concerned that we may not be able to identify who really needs it, as well as the cost of something like that would be pretty exorbitant and eat the money.

Councilmember Cowden: I get that. It would easily absorb all of this. Everyone could say, "This is a fund that we cannot afford," so they could ask for that and that is where I had confusion. I understand now that it might be in one (1) particular businesses' panorama of where they need support, they might need a little portion for that. As far as you know, are there no other pockets of CARES Act fund money at the State-level that is targeting that?

Mr. Dahilig: I am not aware of anything specifically at the State-level. They have put the majority of the CARES Act money that they have received into the "rainy day" fund. They are currently working on reopening the Legislature on June 22nd to figure out how to disperse their remaining money that is still left outstanding. I could not provide you with an indication of where the State is going to be targeting expenditures of their particular pieces of funding...I am also not aware of any specific additional items outside of the CARES Act omnibus budget...nothing is coming to mind besides the local government funding that we are talking about here, things that are coming through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). I think this is the most direct opportunity to look at something like that, Councilmember.

Councilmember Cowden: I appreciate that confirmation that this twenty-eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$28,700,000) is really directed at our population, where the seven hundred million dollars (\$700,000,000) sitting in the "rainy day" fund might be where we find the money to backflow into our municipal needs. It is not at all from here, but it is from the other areas.

Mr. Dahilig: Yes.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: Mike, I am just trying to reconcile the differences between the last iteration of the budget and this one under "Direct Assistance." We see that we have dispersed some of the funds out of the mental health...

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Councilmember Chock: ...we have included food support, services, and grants, and small business loans. I am wondering how we are targeting these amounts just so I can get a sense of what we are thinking about. Do you have any insight that you can share?

Mr. Dahilig: The Food Support Services and Grants item is based on the expenditures that we are running into with the Saturday food distributions here around the island. Every Saturday, those things costs approximately twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The sustained effort is largely premised on using that experience of scaling the costs with what the potential County program would look like. That is where that comes from. The initial proposal we had was actually two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000), health and the needy. We got feedback that, in general, a number of nonprofit areas that are social services related that we not fund through those columns to help backstop. That is why we wanted to be clear and broaden the range of that money, while keeping some specific line item for Mental Health and Domestic Violence Prevention, because we know those are the key types of manifestations of the loss of jobs or economic stress. For the Small Business and Business Support area, we initially were looking at three million dollars (\$3,000,000), but what had been the recommendation of Nalani and her shop, as well as what was coming out of the KERST report is that we needed more support in that area, which is why we bumped it to five million dollars (\$5,000,000), and then the Summer Fun item would remain the same as-is. One thing that we did do is consolidate the CCC moneys. We had one element of CCC moneys under Direct Assistance agriculture, one under Economic Supply, and each of those were two million dollars (\$2,000,000) a piece, so what we did was consolidated it under one program and broaden it so that...environmental resiliency or conservation work could also be include along with agriculture and IT.

Councilmember Cowden: Thank you, Mike. You also mentioned when we met that some of these grants will be managed and dispersed by various departments and not singularly through the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA). Is there a possibility for us to get insight into which departments will be overseeing the areas of funding?

Mr. Dahilig: We can certainly pass it along to Council once the line items are set. We have looked at two (2) models...either the financial and reporting elements will be centralized with one (1) department, or we take advantage of the skillset spread across the various departments across the County. Given the timeline for expenditure, it suits us better to assign one (1) or two (2) project accounts to departments across the County so that we can have people who are accountable... they have the capacity to deal with an additional contractor with financial processing, procurement, or something finance-related. Therefore, what we are going to try to do is pair the skillset of each department to something that is a little more germane to their mission, but it may not be that case in every scenario...I know that is on the line, but we are also going to be looking at getting (inaudible) shop something that has nothing to do with legal, but maybe something to do with hiking types of things. It is an "all hands on deck" type of scenario. We are trying to draw the fiscal management (inaudible) of the County to meet those types of requirements by the Feds and the State.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you. My last question is clarity on the last pot of funding, "Response and Preparation for the Next Wave." I am trying to figure out the jurisdiction as it relates to the State funding reserved for opening the doors up for our visitors to return versus what happens when they get to Kaua'i and they are now on our island. Where does that jurisdiction line sit for us? When I look at our budget here in terms of response, I see things like personal protective equipment (PPE), safety supplies, some testing kits, but we are talking about the potential for testing before they leave...is it our *kuleana* to be have to test them, and also the quarantine aspect. We are having difficulty overseeing that now. The need for us to look at the means to monitor...that budget...is that something that the State is going to be covering, or do we need to consider that in terms of this funding?

Mr. Dahilig: The philosophy behind this is we really need to focus on the local law enforcement side of whatever temporary rules or restrictions that are put in place, either at the local-level or at the gubernatorial-level. When it comes to screening at the airports, that should be the responsibility of the State, not us. That is why you see the checkpoint at more of a means to help local law enforcement be able to actually enforce the quarantine that is in place. We want to keep the separation of responsibility as clear as much as possible given our limited amount of money that we have under the CARES Act. We do not see necessarily the cost of running an actual isolation facility as providence of our budget. What we are needing to look are PPE and safety supplies for our own first responders in case they need to be rapidly tested in the event that they were exposed or be able to protect them. We believe continuing to stockpile those items is in our best interest to protecting our Fire folks and that is where the predominant amount of the cost is meant to be spent. We are not looking to supplant the efforts of the Department of Health and we are not looking to control testing in and out of the airport—we believe those efforts should be done at the State-level, and anything that goes beyond that when it comes to actual law enforcement or emergency response is within our *kuleana*.

Councilmember Chock: Have they verified that acceptance of that *kuleana* or are we hoping that is what they are going to do?

Mr. Dahilig: At this time, all I can confirm is that is our opinion and notice...I would not want to speculate...I would speculate that there are things that citizens think we should pay for, but those are agreements or disagreements that evolved.

Councilmember Chock: Just to confirm, contact tracing from your perspective is part of the Department of Health's oversight?

Mr. Dahilig: Because of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws, that has to fall within their department.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: With all the different grants, is there an allowable administrative component or percentage?

Mr. Dahilig: We understand that there is going to be the overhead cost to each of the various nonprofit agencies that may be asking for support. We already included that as an acceptable cost when we do our normal process, so that would be consistent with that perspective.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Kualii: Would it be five percent (5%)?

Mr. Dahilig: It is what we are proposing here...I need to get the exact benchmark for you, Councilmember, from Nalani, but I know that we have a general amount that we looked at.

Councilmember Kualii: And obviously it will be in the RFPs?

Mr. Dahilig: That is correct.

Councilmember Kualii: The line item on "Response and Preparedness for the Next Wave," C.1, "Tiny Home Construction for Houseless Sheltering if Another Wave"—is that completely managed by the Housing Agency?

Mr. Dahilig: We are intending for that to be managed by the Housing Agency. We feel confident that this can be done because we can purchase plug-in blankets, so with the ability to put in sheltering across the island is not unfounded since we are already working on one sample project; the Housing Agency will likely manage that one.

Councilmember Kualii: In the Resolution on COVID-19, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, we approved approximately two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the Housing Agency to get started, right?

Mr. Dahilig: Yes.

Councilmember Kualii: With this additional two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and this two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)...

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Councilmember Kualii: ...do you have an idea of how many locations there might be around the island?

Mr. Dahilig: I am sorry, I do not have that number. I am sure given that amount of money and units that are currently under plan with the CDBG moneys, it does give the ability to stick these things around the island as much as possible, but I do not have the answer as to other sites for this type of sheltering.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I have a number of questions. Thank you to Councilmember Kualii for bringing up the tiny houses, because I think that is important. Where is the sample project going to be located?

Mr. Dahilig: We are currently looking at somewhere on the west side as a place for it, but we still have to go through consultation and we are waiting for that to be rolled out.

Councilmember Cowden: When we are building these tiny houses, is it something that we can make mobile? Will they fit on a big 18-wheeler? Can we move them if it does not seem to be in the right place?

Mr. Dahilig: That is a good question. We are trying to look at this as mobile and as plug-and-play as possible so that it is more like equipment than something that is fixed.

Councilmember Cowden: Would it be going with compostable toilets or something, so that when we are needing to relocate them...a lot of times the wastewater is a big element to what the challenge is; if they have portable bathrooms that can be...at least when this is put in place somewhere?

Mr. Dahilig: The idea with these shelters is that we would try as much as possible require hardwiring so the idea that you are raising with portable toilets, compostable toilets, or even portable stations would have to be viewed as external and complimentary to these buildings than having something that is put in as hard, spine infrastructure and does not work out later.

Councilmember Cowden: Because as you know, I have been putting a lot of focus on the challenge on the lack of housing and I anticipate an increase of "houselessness"...I think we all do...

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Councilmember Cowden: ...as a result of the COVID-19 response even more than the virus. So when we are looking if this is another wave...well, the COVID-19 first wave...even if people did not get sick...it has really contributed to the economic vulnerability. Even if people did not get sick, people were already in trouble, and then having one more hit...we will see that increase. We are going to need this quickly. When we see the December 30th deadline to put in wiring and waste water, that will push that out beyond that window of time. As I talk to the people in the encampments, they are really concerned about where they are going. Some of them hold jobs. If someone lived in 'Anini and moved to the west side, they could lose their job, and it just continues the cascade of challenges.

Mr. Dahilig: I agree, Councilmember, that the need is isolated to one area. To Councilmember Kuali'i's previous inquiry, it is something that we will have to take a look at distributing around the island as a locational resource rather than consolidating it in one place.

Councilmember Cowden: How can I, as the Committee Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services...I see this topic as equally under my *kuleana* as much as Housing...how can I be accurately informed as to what the plan is? I would like to know ahead of time. As I go out to these places regularly, how do we get them on the list? Salt Pond and Lydgate, especially those particular parks, are what I would consider the core constituent group that the County is trying to address. These are not people who got here two (2) weeks ago, they got here twenty (20) years ago.

Mr. Dahilig: What we can do is set up a time with you and/or Committee Chair Kuali'i to sit down and have the Housing Agency on board with this in the coming weeks to talk about strategy on this and to give you an update on where we are currently with the demonstration project that can serve as a template paid for by CDBG funds as an expenditure of these remaining moneys.

Councilmember Cowden: That would be wonderful. Consider this a formal request for that meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Dahilig: I will. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions from the members?
Councilmember Kualii'i.

Councilmember Kualii'i: Mike, the last time I mentioned the suggestion about weatherizing our pavilions and making it so that if need be, for shelter, they could go from open, from day use, to closed. That would obviously be a County expenditure and not a grant to any nonprofit. Has that been budgeted for or where would that fit in?

Mr. Dahilig: We have looked at trying to budget something to that effect. What we are concerned about was that given the potential cost for what that would be and how we would have to go through procurement, the performance period may not run and be completed before December 30th. It was more of a timing question that we were concerned about. If encumbrance was a means of us being able to meet the definition of "spent," then I think we would try to put more of those types of projects in. You will notice that we also took out the pipeline for a homeless shelter that was initially in there. It was again largely based on timing and how we would have to notice, expend, and hire a contractor and have the contractor complete the work by December 30th. We were starting to get skittish about the confidence of our ability to do that by December 30th.

Councilmember Kualii'i: I understand. Thank you for looking into it.

Mr. Dahilig: Okay.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Anyone else? If not, thank you Mike.

The meeting was called back to order and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any final discussion from the members?
Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you again, Mike, Mayor, and the entire team, for putting this together. I know it is a quick turnaround for time. It is an opportunity for us to leverage these funds. My hope is that the community can sink their teeth into it and connect the pieces for us. This may be all the support that we will get at the County-level for the next six (6) months or until the Federal government can figure out how and what they want to do. Thank you for all of the hard work.

Council Chair Kaneshiro:

Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: Mike, I just wanted to say thank you to you and the Mayor, and your entire team. This is really important that we spend this money the best way possible and as efficiently as possible to make sure we support our community as much as possible. Doing the RFPs next week and trying to get the funding to the nonprofits and other grantees by the middle of July is really important. Even with that, it will give them approximately five (5) months to expend all the funds. I know it will be a challenge. Everyone will step up and make it work the best that we can. Thank you so much for all of your work.

Council Chair Kaneshiro:

Councilmember Cowden.

Councilmember Cowden: I also want to thank the Office of the Mayor, Mike, Senator Schatz, Representative Case, and the people that brought us these CARES Act moneys. It is a big relief for me to see how it is being directed. I think we desperately need this and it will be helpful. I am very interested in staying involved and understanding as much as we can with this. I think it is very critical that we get the word out. I hope that there is good detail that goes out in the updates. I think the public is accustomed to watching the daily or now tri-weekly updates. We could also push the information out on the radio. If there has been a weakness, no matter how well-intended, some of the Kaua'i economic stimulus recovery effort that has come out has not reached the awareness of everyone. If people are not informed enough to be looking into it, they might have missed it. I am happy to be a part of trying to blast that information out to everyone so that we can reach the tentacles of people who are going to need this help. I know twenty-nine million dollars (\$29,000,000) is not actually a lot of money, but it is a good start. Thank you.

Council Chair Kaneshiro:

Councilmember Evslin.

Councilmember Evslin: Thank you. Thank you, Mike, for the presentation today and for the communication over the last few weeks about this. I know that we have talked about it a number of times now and I appreciate that dialogue. I want to express some appreciation for our State Legislators. As I understand it, a lot of smaller counties and cities are not getting allocations via their state. I appreciate that our state is giving us money and they could have used the argument that they needed more of the funds and not release any of it. I really appreciate them not doing that. It is obviously unfortunate that the CARES Act has these types of requirements, that we cannot use it for revenue replacement, that we cannot use it next year when it is probably going to be more needed, and that we cannot fill budget holes with it. On the other hand, I think it is going to create unique opportunities for projects that may not have been done otherwise and unique forms of support. I really hope that we can use it well. Lastly, I just want to pitch again my strong belief on the need to invest in public outdoor spaces. Hopefully we can use some of these moneys for that as we see rates of anxiety and depression nationwide has gone up four percent (4%) from this time last year. I think that is due to policies of social isolation. As we learn more and more that outside activities are relatively safe, I think it is important for us to encourage and invest in those types of activities. Hopefully we can see some of the moneys go towards that. Thank you again, Mike.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you Mike. Getting the information out to the public is going to be very important for us to be able to spend the money down. Whatever you can do to get information out regarding the grant opportunities or whatever we are going to be doing will be helpful. Twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) is a lot of money, especially to be spending it by December 30th. If we are going to give grants and people are going to have to spend it by December 30th, the sooner we get on it, the better. I would hate for us to have all of these lingering projects in December. Thank you for your hard work in thinking of the budget and how we are going to be spending the moneys. I look forward to seeing how it all goes. If we need to move moneys around, then please let us know...this includes projects that may not get completed. Obviously, we put a lot of money in for labor costs and if we do not have another emergency then that is money that we are going to have to figure out where we are going to spend it instead. It is going to be a living, breathing document that is always moving. Thank you for your hard work on this and the quick turnaround. We do not usually like working on such a quick turnaround, but it is the nature of the game. Councilmember Kuali'i.

Councilmember Kuali'i: Sorry, I actually thought of one additional question.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Councilmember Kuali'i: When I asked about the grant administrative fee, I forgot to ask about the line item titled "Rise to Work – Non-Profit Grants." It is one of the larger amounts of four million dollars (\$4,000,000). I know that is intended for actual labor costs for hiring people and you said that it could be regular employees, part-time employees, non-benefit stipends, et cetera. Sometimes certain jobs will require tools, equipment, or certain supplies for doing the job. Will these moneys solely only be for labor and not anything else to make the job possible? Could there be a small percentage allotment towards that?

Mr. Dahilig: You bring up a good point. I think that is probably not unreasonable to put in the RFP as an allowance related to that type of work. We can look at how we scope the item and try to carve out some avenue to be able to provide these people with the tools they need to do the work that we are going to be asking them to do.

Councilmember Kuali'i: Thank you.

The meeting was called back to order and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Kaneshiro: Any other discussion? If not, the motion on the floor is to approve.

The motion to approve C 2020-158 was then put, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1*.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: The motion is carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Council Chair Kaneshiro: This concludes our Special Council Meeting.
Not seeing or hearing any objections, this meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.

There being no further business, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk

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*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).