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MEMORANDUM

January 30, 2025

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor

FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair 

RE: **JANUARY 29, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its January 29, 2025 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2025-28 Communication (12/09/2024) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Gerald Bahouth to the Liquor Control Commission – Partial term ending 12/31/2025. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-29 Communication (01/14/2025) from Tyler C. Saito, Deputy County Attorney, transmitting for Council information, the Quarterly Report on Settled Claims filed against the County of Kaua'i from October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-30 Communication (01/17/2025) from the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) President, transmitting for Council consideration, HSAC's slate of officers for the HSAC Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2025, pursuant to Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Inc. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-31 Communication (01/21/2025) from the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Executive Director, transmitting for Council consideration, HSAC's nominations of Councilmember KipuKai Kualii, County of Kaua'i and Councilmember Tommy Waters, City and County of Honolulu, to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties (NACo), and nominations of Councilmember Shane Sinenci, County of Maui and Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro, County of Kaua'i, to serve on the Board of Directors for the Western Interstate Region (WIR), pursuant to Section 5A and Section 5C of the Bylaws of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Inc. ***(Received for the Record.)***

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2025-32 Communication (10/31/2024) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval:

- To accept the Opioid Settlement Funds in the total amount of \$281,063.65. The initial specified amount approved during the July 10, 2024 Council Meeting was \$280,000.00; and
- Of the indemnification provisions in the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). **(Approved.)**

C 2025-33 Communication (12/24/2024) from the Executive on Aging, requesting Council approval to receive and expend Federal funds, for the first allotment in the amount of \$6,639.00, Fiscal Year 2025, and to indemnify the State Executive Office on Aging, for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) provision of congregate and home-delivered meals. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-34 Communication (01/02/2025) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval to dispose of various records, pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 46-43 and Resolution No. 2021-48 (2021), which have been kept for over seven (7) years and are no longer of use or value. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-35 Communication (01/08/2025) from the Executive on Transportation, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, expend, and indemnify the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5311 formula grant funds in the amount of \$1,365,726.00 for four (4) diesel and gas buses, which are soon to be beyond their useful lives, to be used to fund eighty percent (80%) of the purchase cost, and twenty percent (20%) from the Transportation Agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget request. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-36 Communication (01/09/2025) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval:

- To accept a donation from Grove Farm Properties, Inc. of approximately 100,000 cubic yards of soil, with an estimated value of \$2,500,000.00, to be used at the Kekaha Landfill for daily cover, intermediate cover, backfill, and road construction, which will satisfy the landfill soil needs for approximately one (1) year and eight (8) months; and
- Of the indemnification provision in the Right-of-Entry provided in the Right-of-Entry Agreement Waiola Site Soil Project.
(Approved with thank-you letter to follow.)

C 2025-37 Communication (01/09/2025) from Elliott K. Ke, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Operations Bureau, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the Hawaiian Telcom Service Agreement, for the renewal of the Intrado/Viper Workstations Services for Enhanced 911 (E-911) Call Routing Solutions system for continued use at the Kaua'i Police Department's (KPD's) Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the Alternate Dispatch Center (ADC) for reporting emergencies and requests for police, fire, and medical services in the County of Kaua'i. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-38 Communication (01/10/2025) from Makana A. Rivera, Acting Assistant Chief, Support Services Bureau, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the Life Technologies Corporation Instrument Services Terms and Conditions, for renewal of the RapidHIT ID System Maintenance Services, which provides comprehensive support for the system, including routine maintenance, calibration, and warranty coverage to ensure optimal performance, and includes licenses for essential software components. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-39 Communication (01/16/2025) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, the Second Quarter Statement of Equipment Purchases for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, pursuant to Section 22 of Ordinance No. B-2024-897, as amended, relating to the Operating Budget of the County of Kaua'i for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2025-40 Communication (01/16/2025) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. B-2024-896, As Amended, Relating To The Operating Budget Of The County Of Kaua'i, State Of Hawai'i, For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025, By Revising The Amounts Estimated In The General Fund, Highway Fund, G.E. Tax Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Sewer Fund, And Golf Fund, relating to the Hawai'i Government Employees Association, Local 152, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (HGEA) temporary hazard pay. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2025-41 Communication (01/17/2025) from the Deputy Director of Planning, requesting Council approval to receive and expend State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT), State Planning and Research (SPR) Program grant funds in the full awarded amounts of \$460,000.00 for the Kaua'i County Multi-Use Path and Trails Master Plan and \$450,000.00 for the Lihu'e Mauka Road Multi-Modal Corridor Study, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i. The initial specified amounts approved during the March 22, 2023 Council Meeting were \$400,000.00 for the Lihu'e Mauka Road Multi-Modal Corridor Plan, and \$400,000.00 for the County Shared Use Path and Access Action Plan. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-42 Communication (01/17/2025) from the Deputy Director of Planning, requesting Council approval to receive and expend National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Habitat Protection and Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Competition grant funds in the revised awarded amount of \$458,821.00. The initial specified amount approved during the December 6, 2023 Council Meeting was \$409,500.00. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-43 Communication (01/22/2025) from the County Clerk, requesting Council approval to purchase unbudgeted equipment of a large-sized All-Terrain Utility Vehicle, at a cost of approximately \$95,000.00, for use by both the Council Services and Elections Divisions, utilizing funds from existing accounts. ***(Approved.)***

C 2025-44 Communication (01/23/2025) from Councilmember Kaneshiro and Councilmember Holland, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Commercial Use Of Parks Facilities. ***(Received for the Record.)***

COMMITTEE REPORTS: APPROVED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2025-15 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION *(Gerald Bahouth)* ***(Approved.)***

Resolution No. 2025-16 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ***(Approved.)***

Resolution No. 2025-17 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES NOMINEES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ***(Approved.)***

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2941) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2024-896, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, G.E. TAX FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, SEWER FUND, AND GOLF FUND *(HGEA Temporary Hazard Pay)* ***(Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for February 26, 2025, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)***

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2942) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL USE OF PARKS FACILITIES ***(Referred to the Planning Commission.)***

BILL FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 2940 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*Settlement and Compromise Powers*) (**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*)