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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2025

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair
RE: **FEBRUARY 26, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its February 26, 2025 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2025-51 Communication (02/05/2025) from the Director of Finance, submitting for Council information, the following reports:

- a. County of Kaua'i Bond Summary of General Long-Term Debt: Rollforward for Fiscal Year 2024;
- b. County of Kaua'i Bond Supplemental Summary of General Long-Term Debt Amount Outstanding as of January 3, 2025; and
- c. Excluded County of Kaua'i Bond Supplemental Summary of Long-Term Debt Amount Outstanding as of January 3, 2025: CFD No. 2008-1 (Kukui'ula Development Project) Special Tax Bonds, Series 2019, and Series 2022. *(Received for the Record.)*

C 2025-52 Communication (02/12/2025) from Councilmember Holland, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution Urging The State Legislature To Support The Establishment Of A Universal Free School Breakfast And Lunch Program. *(Received for the Record.)*

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2025-53 Communication (12/19/2024) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council information the County Cost Control Commission 2024 Annual Report, pursuant to Kaua'i County Charter Section 28.05. *(Received for the Record.)*

C 2025-54 Communication (02/06/2025) from the Executive on Aging, requesting Council approval to receive and expend donations from 51 various sources, in the amount of \$8,695.00 for Fiscal Year 2025, for the Home-Delivered Meals Program, to help offset the costs of the meals served. The provision of Home-Delivered Meals Service aims to maintain or improve *kūpuna* nutritional status, social well-being, and ability to remain in the community. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-55 Communication (02/07/2025) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds, via the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, in the estimated amount of \$18,540,000.00, with a non-federal share of 25% of the total benefit to the County, in the estimated amount of \$6,180,000.00, to reduce or mitigate future disaster losses after a presidentially-declared disaster. These particular funds are a result of DR-4724-HI, Hawai'i Wildfires. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-56 Communication (02/07/2025) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision contained in the General Conditions and Special Provisions of the Application to Operate or Transport Oversize and/or Overweight Vehicles and Loads Over State Highways, by and between the County of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation Highways Division, which will allow the Department of Public Works to transport oversized and/or overweight vehicles and loads across State highways. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-57 Communication (02/12/2025) from the Fire Chief, requesting Council approval to accept and expend U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Community Wildfire Defense Grant funds in the amount of \$78,000.00, from the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, to update the Kaua'i Community Wildfire Protection Plan through the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program for the island of Kaua'i, for the 24-month service period of January 27, 2025 through December 31, 2026. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-58 Communication (02/13/2025) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the Public Surplus Seller Agreement and the PayMac, Inc. Agreement for Payment Processing. Public Surplus, which specializes in nationwide government surplus auctions, will be the platform to conduct the annual auction. PayMac, Inc. is the entity working with Public Surplus to collect payments from winning bidders. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-59 Communication (02/13/2025) from the Managing Director, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance To Establish A New Article 7, Chapter 20, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Criminal Trespass Onto County Lands. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2025-60 Communication (02/19/2025) from Council Chair Rapozo, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5A, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Real Property Tax, which creates a new tax classification for long-term affordable rentals to allow for a more accurate representation of the actual use of the property. *(Received for the Record.)*

CLAIM:

C 2025-61 Communication (02/10/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Jill Adams, for damage to her vehicle, 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 REPORT: APPROVED.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 2025-19 – RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM *(Approved.)*

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2943) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 20, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS ONTO COUNTY LANDS *(Approved as Amended on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for March 25, 2025, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.)*

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2944) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX *(New tax classification "Long-Term Affordable Rental") (Approved as Amended on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for March 25, 2025, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)*

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)*