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**MEMORANDUM**

January 22, 2026

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor  
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair  
RE: **JANUARY 22, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its January 22, 2026 Council Meeting:

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

C 2026-12 Communication (01/08/2026) from Chris Donahoe, Deputy County Attorney, transmitting for Council information, the Quarterly Report on Settled Claims filed against the County of Kauai from October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. *(Received for the Record.)*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

C 2025-13 Communication (01/09/2026) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, the Department of Finance "Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources," in the amount of \$13,743,221.00, in accordance with Resolution No. 2022-36, further as calculated the excess of "Unassigned" fund balance over the minimum reserve target of thirty percent (30%) of the previous year's General Fund revenues as of June 30, 2024 is calculated at \$13,106,951.00. *(Received for the Record.)*

C 2025-14 Communication (12/30/2025) from Darren D. Rose, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Operations Bureau, requesting Council approval to accept additional funds from the State of Hawaii 911 Board, in the amount of \$39,220.00, increasing the total budget to \$1,061,245.00, which will be used to update the HigherGround logging recorder and to upgrade the Dispatch consoles. *(Approved.)*

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C 2026-15 Communication (01/05/2026) from the Executive on Transportation, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision contained in the WABCO Toolbox Software End User License Agreement (EULA), a powerful, PC-based diagnostic software for commercial vehicles, allowing the Transportation shop mechanics to connect to the WABCO system to read fault codes, access repair information, activate components, and perform calibrations/programming, reducing downtime for buses, which is required for electric bus repair and maintenance. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-16 Communication (01/06/2026) from the Executive on Transportation, requesting Council approval to purchase unbudgeted equipment of four (4) electric bus chargers with dual dispensers, at a cost of approximately \$1,120,238.00, utilizing existing funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Low-No Grant of \$936,612.00 and General Excise Tax (GET) funds of \$183,626.00. The grant funding was provided sooner than anticipated, providing the ability to proceed with procurement of the chargers this fiscal year. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-17 Communication (01/06/2026) from Makana A. Rivera, Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision contained in the DJI Terra Software Terms of Use, which processes aerial data collected by department-owned drones into usable outputs such as 3D models and orthomosaic maps, which is essential for accurate mapping and visualization to support Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) operations and emergency response. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-18 Communication (01/08/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. B-2025-905, As Amended, Relating To The Operating Budget Of The County Of Kaua'i, State Of Hawai'i, For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2026, By Revising The Amounts Estimated In The General Fund, to cover \$130,000.00 of additional costs associated with the external auditor's work to complete the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2024. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2026-19 Communication (01/08/2026) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, the Second Quarter Statement of Equipment Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, pursuant to Section 22 of Ordinance No. B-2025-905, as amended, relating to the Operating Budget of the County of Kaua'i for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2026-20 Communication (01/09/2026) from the Director of Parks & Recreation, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend State funds in the amount of \$200,000.00, and approval of the indemnification clause and cost of litigation provisions included in the agreement with the State of Hawai'i, Department of Agriculture, to combat invasive Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) on Kaua'i by focusing on improving green waste processing systems via the purchase of a portable air curtain burner. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-21 Communication (01/09/2026) from the Fire Chief, requesting Council approval of indemnity provisions contained in the Davenport Aviation Inc. purchase agreement required to purchase an Airbus H145D twin-engine helicopter, fully customized and equipped for search and rescue, wildland aerial firefighting, and disaster response operations. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-22 Communication (01/09/2026) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5A, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Real Property Tax, enabling the Director to inspect and examine any real property in the County to attain information needed for real property assessments and to expressly provide the Director with the authority to promulgate rules with retroactive effect. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-23 Communication (01/09/2026) from the Director of Parks & Recreation, transmitting for Council consideration, Proposed Draft Bills to amend Ordinance Nos. B-2025-905 and B-2025-906 for Fiscal Year 2026 by revising the amounts estimated in the General Fund and the General Fund CIP, necessary to purchase and acquire property located at 6151 Kawaihau Road in Kapa'a, Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 4-6-011:055. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-24 Communication (01/14/2026) from the Director of Parks & Recreation, transmitting for Council approval a donation of in-kind services from Mr. Lances Steam to steam treat eight (8) green waste/mulch piles totaling approximately 262 cubic yards, at an estimated value of \$11,790.00, which will be used at the Wailua Golf Course, for the purpose of controlling the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB). ***(Approved with thank-you letter to follow.)***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: APPROVED.**

**BILLS FOR FIRST READING:**

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2980) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2025-905, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND (ACFR Year 1 Fiscal Year 2024 Change Order – \$130,000.00) ***(Approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2026, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)***

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2981) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX ***(Provides the Director of Finance with inspection and examination of real property powers) (Deferred.)***

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2982) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2025-905, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND (*Kawaihau Road Parks Parcel – \$800,000.00*) (*Approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2026, and referred to the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee.*)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2983) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. B-2025-906, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND - CIP (*Kawaihau Road Parks Parcel – \$1,300,000.00*) (*Approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2026, and referred to the Parks & Recreation / Transportation 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*)