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MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2026

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair
RE: **MARCH 25, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its March 25, 2026 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2026-64 Communication (03/11/2026) from the Director of Human Resources, transmitting for Council information, the March 15, 2026 Human Resources Report (Vacancy Report and Recruitment Status Report), pursuant to Section 10 of Ordinance No. B-2025-905, relating to the Operating Budget of the County of Kaua'i for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *(Received for the Record.)*

C 2026-65 Communication (03/11/2026) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, supplemental real property tax revenue information pertaining to the estimated reduction in real property tax revenues resulting from the Home Preservation Tax Limitation and Very Low Income Tax Credit relief measures, which have been factored in with the existing real property tax rates, and based on the certified Real Property Assessment List for Fiscal Year 2027. *(Received for the Record.)*

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2026-63 Communication (03/02/2026) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, the County of Kaua'i 2026 Real Property Assessment List pursuant to Section 5A-2.2, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended. *(Received for the Record.)*

C 2026-66 Communication (03/13/2026) from the Mayor, transmitting his Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Message, along with the proposed Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget, and Schedule of Charges and Fees. *(Received for the Record.)*

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C 2026-67 Communication (03/06/2026) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance To Amend 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. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-68 Communication (03/11/2026) from the County Attorney on behalf of the Housing Director, requesting Council authorization to expend funds up to \$150,000.00 to retain Special Bond Counsel to advise the Housing Agency on the issuance of tax-exempt Private Activity Bonds to finance the development of affordable housing. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-69 Communication (03/11/2026) from the County Attorney, requesting Council authorization to expend funds up to \$150,000.00 to retain Special Counsel to represent the Planning Department, County of Kaua'i in possible litigation and to provide other legal services as they may relate to Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 1-7-005:001. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-70 Communication (03/12/2026) from the Housing Director, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained within two (2) Purchase and Sale Agreements between the County of Kaua'i and Grove Farm Company, Incorporated, to acquire approximately 140 acres north of Hulemalu Road, situated at Tax Map Key (TMK) Nos. (4) 3-3-017:001 (por.) and (4) 3-3-018:009, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-71 Communication (03/18/2026) 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. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-72 Communication (03/18/2026) from Council Chair Rapozo and Councilmember Carvalho, requesting the presence of the County Engineer, Kali Watson, Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Raymond Kanna, Office of the Chairman, DHHL, Hawaiian Homes Commission, to provide an update on the status of the new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) options as it relates to the Department of Public Works' future plans to relocate the Wailua WWTP. ***(Received for the Record.)***

LEGAL DOCUMENT:

C 2026-73 Communication (03/05/2026) from the Assistant Housing Director, recommending Council approval of the Right of Entry and Indemnity Agreement to begin installing the electrical poles and facility improvements required for the project, between the County of Kaua'i and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC), for the Kealaula Supportive Housing Project Phase II, situated at Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (4) 3-08-005-002, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i.

- Right of Entry and Indemnity Agreement ***(Approved.)***

CLAIMS:

C 2026-74 Communication (03/06/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Melva Christunas, for personal injuries and loss of job, 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 2026-75 Communication (03/09/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Claims Management Resources on behalf of Hawaiian Telcom, 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.)*

C 2026-76 Communication (03/09/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Kala Alexander, 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.)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: APPROVED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2026-10 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR A LOAN FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE WAILUA WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II, PROJECT NO. C150055-08 *(Approved.)*

Resolution No. 2026-11 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027 FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I *(Public Hearing scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)*

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2988) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027 *(Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget) (Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)*

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2989) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027 (*Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CIP Budget*) (***Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.***)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2990) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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 (*Hawai'i Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 1463 (HFFA), Bargaining Unit (BU) 11 Temporary Hazard Pay*) (***Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for April 22, 2026, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.***)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2991) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*Tax Credit*) (***Approved as Amended on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for April 22, 2026, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.***)

BILLS FOR SECOND READING:

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*) (***Approved.***)

Bill No. 2984 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 27, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SHORELINE SETBACK AND COASTAL PROTECTION (*ZA-2026-1 – Planning Commission Recommendation*) (***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*)