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MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2026

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair 
RE: **JULY 8, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its July 8, 2026 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2026-156 Communication (05/21/2026) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Patrick M. Higa to the Police Commission – Term ending 12/31/2028. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-157 Communication (06/16/2026) from Councilmember Cowden, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution Recognizing Emergency Services Dispatchers As First Responders In Acknowledgement Of Their Essential Role In Emergency Response, Public Safety, And Community Well-Being Throughout The State Of Hawai'i. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-159 Communication (06/25/2026) from the County Engineer, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution Establishing Or Revising Speed Limits For Pu'u Road, Maka Road, Polaris Road, And Hokua Road, Kōloa District, County Of Kaua'i. ***(Received for the Record.)***

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2026-158 Communication (06/17/2026) from Councilmember Holland, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution Urging The State Board Of Land And Natural Resources To Direct The Department Of Land And Natural Resources, Division Of Aquatic Resources, To Adopt Rules, Or Alternatively Urging The Hawai'i State Legislature To Enact Legislation, Prohibiting The Harvest Of Aquatic Life From State Marine Waters For Commercial Aquarium Purposes. ***(Received for the Record.)***

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C 2026-160 Communication (06/05/2026) from Councilmember Holland, requesting the presence of Bret Mossman, Hawai'i Island Avian Technician, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, to provide a briefing relating to the Decline and Protection Plan for the Manu of Kaua'i. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-161 Communication (06/08/2026) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision contained in the Application & Permit For The Occupancy & Use Of State Highway Right-of-Way and Permit Restrictions and Certification, Permit No. 957, allowing the Department of Public Works to occupy and use the State highway right-of-way to perform work from June 4, 2026 to June 4, 2027. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-162 Communication (06/09/2026) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval to receive and expend State funds in the amount of \$431,821.00, from the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health (DOH), and to indemnify the State DOH for the Fiscal Year 2027 grant cycle, for the HI-5 Deposit Beverage Container program to be used to fund two (2) HI-5 Recycling Specialist positions, support mobile redemption center operations in Kekaha and Kōloa, and support the lease of the redemption center in Kekaha. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-163 Communication (06/10/2026) from the Emergency Management Administrator, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision and the unspecified future obligation terms in the National Fire Protection Service Agreement to service the County of Kaua'i Radio Sites Fire Suppression Systems. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-164 Communication (06/10/2026) from Ka'āina S. Hull, Clerk of the Planning Commission, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, 12, And 8, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To A Wildfire And The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-165 Communication (06/17/2026) from the Director of Human Resources, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the Gravic, Inc. Remark brand software End User License Agreement (EULA), to allow the Department of Human Resources staff to score written examinations that are conducted for various positions in the County of Kaua'i. ***(Approved.)***

C 2026-166 Communication (06/18/2026) from Darren D. Rose, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Operations Bureau, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Establishing The Special-Duty Police Officer Program Fee Account. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2026-167 Communication (06/22/2026) from Darren D. Rose, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Operations Bureau, requesting Council approval to accept funding from the State of Hawai'i 9-1-1 Board, in the amount of \$1,375,420.00, for annual recurring and non-recurring expenditures to operate 9-1-1 services as part of the Kaua'i Police Department's (KPD's) Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the Alternate Dispatch Center (ADC). **(Approved.)**

C 2026-168 Communication (06/22/2026) from Nahelani Parsons, Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Executive Director, transmitting for the Kaua'i County Council's consideration, the 2027 HSAC Legislative Package Timeline for submitting legislative proposals for consideration by HSAC, as active participation helps to ensure that the measures advanced are inclusive, well-vetted, reflective of the diverse needs of the communities, and can collectively advocate for stronger, more impactful legislation. **(Received for the Record.)**

C 2026-169 Communication (06/24/2026) from Mark Ozaki, Deputy Chief of Police, requesting Council approval to accept a donation from the Kaua'i Police Activities League (K-PAL) nonprofit in the amount of \$100,000.00, to support the establishment of a K-PAL bowling alley at the Pi'ikoi Recreational Facility. **(Approved to accept \$100,000.00 to support K-PAL programs.)**

C 2026-170 Communication (06/24/2026) from Makana A. Rivera, Assistant Chief of Police, requesting Council approval to accept and expend State funds in the amount of up to \$12,000.00, from the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, as reimbursement for the enforcement of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 712-1258 prohibiting tobacco sales to persons under the age of twenty-one via Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) 2027-PB-002, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-171 Communication (06/26/2026) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the SonicWall General Commercial Agreement, which provides cybersecurity solutions, including network firewalls, secure remote access, and threat protection services that help safeguard the County's information technology infrastructure. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-172 Communication (06/26/2026) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval of the indemnification clause contained in the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement No. CTR060028 for the procurement of Altair software licenses from State Procurement Officials (SPO) Price List Contract No. 23-08. **(Approved.)**

C 2026-173 Communication (07/01/2026) from Council Chair Rapozo, requesting the presence of Wayne Katayama, Kaua'i Coffee Company, and Trinette Kauai, Brue Baukol Capital Partners, to provide a briefing relating to the Kaua'i Coffee Company. **(Received for the Record.)**

CLAIMS:

C 2026-174 Communication (06/05/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kauaʻi by Derek Aguilera, for loss of rental income, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kauaʻi. ***(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)***

C 2026-175 Communication (06/09/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kauaʻi by Kathryn Zeidner, for damage to personal property, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kauaʻi. ***(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)***

C 2026-176 Communication (06/24/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kauaʻi by Russell Stokes, for property damage, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kauaʻi. ***(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)***

C 2026-177 Communication (06/26/2026) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kauaʻi by Devin Yamada, for personal injury, medical bills, and loss of income, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kauaʻi. ***(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)***

COMMITTEE REPORT: APPROVED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2026-19 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE COMMISSION (*Patrick M. Higa*) ***(Approved.)***

Resolution No. 2026-20 – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHERS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR ESSENTIAL ROLE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF HAWAII ***(Approved.)***

Resolution No. 2026-21 – RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TO ADOPT RULES, OR ALTERNATIVELY URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION, PROHIBITING THE HARVEST OF AQUATIC LIFE FROM STATE MARINE WATERS FOR COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM PURPOSES ***(Approved as Amended to Resolution No. 2026-21, Draft 1.)***

Resolution No. 2026-22 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OR REVISING SPEED LIMITS FOR PU‘U ROAD, MAKA ROAD, POLARIS ROAD, AND HOKUA ROAD, KŌLOA DISTRICT, COUNTY OF KAUAI ***(Received for the Record.)***

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2998) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 15, 12, AND 8, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO WILDFIRE AND WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) *(County of Kaua‘i, Applicant) (ZA-2026-6) (Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for August 12, 2026, and referred to the Planning Committee.)*

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2999) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL-DUTY POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM FEE ACCOUNT ***(Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for August 12, 2026, 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)*