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MEMORANDUM

March 25, 2025

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor

FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair 

RE: MARCH 25, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its March 25, 2025 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2025-71 Communication (03/11/2025) from the Director of Finance, transmitting for Council information, the County of Kaua'i 2025 Real Property Assessment List pursuant to Section 5A-2.2, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-72 Communication (03/13/2025) from the Director of Human Resources, transmitting for Council information, the March 15, 2025 Human Resources Report (Vacancy Report and Recruitment Status Report), pursuant to Section 24 of Ordinance No. B-2024-896, relating to the Operating Budget of the County of Kaua'i for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-73 Communication (03/14/2025) 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 2026. ***(Received for the Record.)***

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2025-74 Communication (03/07/2025) from the Acting Assistant Chief, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provisions contained in the Island School's Application for Use of School Buildings, Facilities, or Grounds, for the use of the Kaua'i Police Department's, Kaua'i Police Activities League (KPAL) program to host the Mayor's Youth Track Meet. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-75 Communication (03/10/2025) from the Director of Economic Development, requesting Council approval of the indemnification clause and cost of litigation provisions included in the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture General Terms and Conditions Sections 7 and 8, to be used for continued culling activities of the Rose Ringed Parakeet, high-density netting for farm use, and to hire a data/communications consultant to help with research and translation of data collected from the online location surveys. Approval to receive and expend funding in the amount of up to \$300,000.00. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-76 Communication (03/11/2025) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend Federal funds in the amount of \$104,000.00, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, to support a 0.50 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who will work with the Kaua'i Police Department's Vice Investigators and focus fifty percent (50%) of their time on methamphetamine trafficking and opioid-focused prosecution, and to cover fringe benefit costs and office supplies. The anticipated contract date is for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-77 Communication (03/11/2025) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to receive and expend Federal funds, in the amount of \$32,428.00, from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fiscal Year 2024 Local Solicitation Grant, to support training for Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys and Kaua'i Police Department officers, and to purchase office supplies. The grant will cover expenses for the time period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-78 Communication (03/11/2025) from Joshua Uyehara, Chair of the Salary Commission, and the Members of the Salary Commission, transmitting for Council information, Salary Commission Resolution No. 2025-1, Relating to the Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the County of Kaua'i, which was adopted by the Salary Commission at its March 13, 2025 meeting.

- Salary Commission Resolution No. 2025-1
(Received for the Record.)

C 2025-79 Communication (03/11/2025) from the Executive on Aging, requesting Council approval to receive and expend donations from nine (9) various sources, in the amount of \$775.00 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 2025-80 Communication (03/13/2025) from Ka‘āina S. Hull, Clerk of the Planning Commission, 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.)***

C 2025-81 Communication (03/14/2025) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval to receive and expend State of Hawai‘i, Department of Transportation, Hawai‘i Road Usage Charge (HiRUC) funds, in the amount of \$25,000.00, to support the initial phase of creating a State-developed Application Programming Interface (API) with the current cashiering system for motor vehicle and driver license applications. ***(Approved.)***

C 2025-82 Communication (03/14/2025) from the Mayor, transmitting his Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Message, along with the proposed Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget, and Schedule of Charges and Fees. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-83 Communication (03/14/2025) from the County Engineer, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Health (DOH) funds, via Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in the amount of \$45,000.00, to fund educational efforts to promote the eWaste recycling through the County’s website, news releases, radio advertising, new advertising, flyers, and various outreach events and activities, as well as program administration. ***(Approved.)***

CLAIMS:

C 2025-84 Communication (03/06/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua‘i by Jennifer Delp, 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.)***

C 2025-85 Communication (03/12/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua‘i by Christina Warner, 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.)***

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 2025-21 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026 FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUAI (*Public Hearing scheduled for May 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.*)

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

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 (*Received for the Record.*)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2949) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026 (*Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget*) (*Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.*)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2950) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026 (*Fiscal Year 2025-2026 CIP Budget*) (*Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.*)

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2951) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL USE OF PARKS FACILITIES (*Kauai County Council, Applicant*) (*ZA-2025-07 – Planning Commission Recommendation*) (*Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for April 23, 2025, and referred to the Planning 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*)