

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 22, 2024

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Mel Rapozo, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:03 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Addison Bulosan
Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Bill DeCosta
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable KipuKai Kualii
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Minutes of the May 1, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Cowden, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the May 1, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting was approved.

Minutes of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Departmental Budget Reviews.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Carvalho, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Departmental Budget Reviews were approved.

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item, as shown in the following Committee Report, which are incorporated herein by reference:

CR-COW 2024-07: on COW 2024-03 Communication (04/18/2024) from Councilmember Cowden, requesting the presence of Employees' Retirement System (ERS) Thomas Williams, Executive Director, to provide a briefing on ERS' investments, holdings, and asset allocations as well as its continued ability to fulfill retirees' pension obligations. **(Received for the Record.)**

There being no objections, the Committee recessed at 9:55 a.m. to convene in the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The Committee reconvened at 10:26 a.m., and proceeded on its agenda items, as shown in the following Committee Reports, which are incorporated herein by reference:

CR-COW 2024-08: on COW 2024-04 Communication (05/16/2024) from Committee Chair Rapozo, transmitting the proposed increases to, deductions from, and other proposed amendments (plus/minus sheets) to the Mayor’s Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Projects Budgets. **(Received for the Record.)**

CR-COW 2024-09: on Resolution No. 2024-13 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUAI **(Approved as Amended.)**

There being no objections, the Committee recessed at 12:35 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:47 p.m., and proceeded as follows:

Bill No. 2912 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 6, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO FINANCE **(This item was Deferred to the June 19, 2024 Committee Meeting.)**

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Bulosan.

Councilmember Bulosan: I would like to make a motion to defer this...

Council Chair Rapozo: Hang on. There is going to be a motion to defer by the introducer Councilmember Bulosan. Is there any discussion on this matter, the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)?

Councilmember Cowden: Let me just look at it. Oh, C-PACE. Can I ask why we are deferring?

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead and explain.

Councilmember Bulosan: Currently, there is a State law that should be scheduled to be signed by the Governor that basically throws this item, but we are just waiting until the actual signage.

Councilmember Cowden: When he does sign this, do we still need to pass this bill or if he signs this, do we not need this?

Councilmember Bulosan: We do not need this if he signs it.

Councilmember Cowden: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: Go ahead. You can make your motion to defer.

Councilmember Bulosan moved to defer Bill No. 2912 to the June 19, 2024 Committee Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kualii, and carried by the following vote:

FOR DEFERRAL:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Kagawa, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7*,
AGAINST DEFERRAL:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

*(*Pursuant to Rule No. 5(b) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kauai, Councilmember Kagawa was noted as silent (not present), but shall be recorded as an affirmative for the motion.)*

Council Chair Rapozo: The motion carries.

The Committee proceeded on its agenda items, as shown in the following Committee Reports, which are incorporated herein by reference:

CR-COW 2024-10: on Bill No. 2916 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025 *(Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget)* **(Approved as Amended.)**

CR-COW 2024-11: on Bill No. 2917 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025 (*Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CIP Budget*) **(Approved as Amended.)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Services Assistant I

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on June 5, 2024:



KIPUKAI KUALI'I
Vice Chair, COW Committee