COUNTY COUNCIL

County of Hawai‘i
Hawai‘i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

14th Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL

Hawai‘i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai‘i

June 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.

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INVOCATION
Kahu Brian Welsh of Haili Congregational Church

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

(NOTE: COUNCIL MAY TAKE A LUNCH BREAK CLOSE TO THE NOON HOUR.)

ORDER OF RESOLUTIONS

Res. 213-17: DETERMINES THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI’I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017, TO JUNE 30, 2018

The rates are based on the Mayor’s proposed operating budget (Bill 11, Draft 2) which raises all classes of property except the affordable rental housing class by approximately 6.5 percent.

Reference: Comm. 293
Intr. by: Ms. Poindexter
Waived: FC
Public Hearing: May 16, 2017

; and

Comm. 293.1: From Council Member Aaron S. Y. Chung, transmitting a proposed amendment declaring the Council’s intention to revert the real property tax rates for fiscal year 2018-2019 back to the rates of fiscal year 2016-2017, and encouraging the Council and Administration to reduce the operating budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 based on the 2016-2017 real property tax rates.

; and

Comm. 293.2: From Council Member Eileen O’Hara, transmitting proposed amendments to change revenues and revenue percentages based on the amended rates within each class of property.

ORDER OF THE DAY (SECOND OR FINAL READING)

Bill 11 (Draft 2): ESTABLISHES AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI’I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017, TO JUNE 30, 2018

Proposed Operating Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, includes estimated revenues and appropriations of $491,241,880.

Reference: Comm. 91.8
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)
First Reading: May 18, 2017

; and

(Comms. 91.20, 91.21, and 91.35 - 91.37 continue on the next page.)
Comm. 91.20 (Memo. No. 1): From Council Member Eileen O’Hara, transmitting proposed amendments to the General Fund expenditure accounts by decreasing the Clerk-Council Services Salaries and Wages by $56,328 (removes funding for Legislative Specialist position and reduces funding for Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk position), decreasing the Corporation Counsel Salaries and Wages by $40,128 (removes funding for Legal Technician I position), and decreasing the Building Inspection Salaries and Wages by $128,544 (removes funding for one Building Inspector position and reduces funding for an Electrical Inspector position), and increases the Contingency Relief account by $225,000.

; and

Comm. 91.21 (Memo. No. 2): From Council Member Eileen O’Hara, transmitting proposed amendments to the General Fund revenue and expenditure accounts by increasing the Fund Balance from Previous Year account by $225,000 and increasing the Contingency Relief account by $225,000.

; and

Comm. 91.35 (Memo. No. 3): From Council Member Eileen O’Hara, transmitting proposed amendments to the General Fund revenue and expenditure accounts by increasing the Real Property Tax by $232,687, increasing the Contingency Relief by $225,000, increasing the Mass Transit-Other Current Expenses (bus stop equipment and construction) by $2,451, increasing the Transfer to Public Access/Open Space Preservation Fund by $4,654, and increasing the Transfer to Public Access/Open Space Preservation Maintenance Fund by $582.

; and

Comm. 91.36 (Memo. No. 4): From Council Chairwoman Valerie T. Poindexter, transmitting proposed amendments to the General Fund expenditure accounts by decreasing the Office of Management Salaries and Wages by $37,725 (reduces funding for the vacant/funded Executive Assistant III position); increasing the Kona Prosecuting Attorney Salaries and Wages by $29,340 (funds a Legal Clerk I position); and increasing the Health Benefits by $859, Retirement Benefits by $5,281, and Employer FICA by $2,245.

; and

Comm. 91.37 (Memo. No. 5): From Council Member Karen Eoff, transmitting proposed amendments to the General Fund revenue and expenditure accounts by increasing the Driver License Program Income by $24,900, and increasing the Driver License Other Current Expenses, Miscellaneous Contract Services (Data Processing-SID (State)) by $24,900.
Bill 12
(Draft 3):
RELATES TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017, TO JUNE 30, 2018

Proposed Capital Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, includes 62 projects requiring a total appropriation of $196.757 million.

Reference: Comm. 92.17
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)
First Reading: May 18, 2017

; and

Comm. 92.18
(Memo. No. 1): From Council Member Eileen O’Hara, transmitting proposed amendments to add the Leilani Avenue Shoulder Improvements project in the amount of $250,000.

; and

Comm. 92.19
(Memo. No. 2): From Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Public Works Department’s Lako Street Extension to Ali‘i Drive project in the amount of $13.08 million.

; and

Comm. 92.20
(Memo. No. 3): From Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Public Works Department’s Nani Kailua Extension project in the amount of $17.2 million.

; and

Comm. 92.26
(Memo. No. 4): From Council Member Karen Eoff, transmitting proposed amendments to add the North Kona Water Source Development – Waiaha II project in the amount of $2.619 million.

; and

Comm. 92.27
(Memo. No. 5): From Council Member Tim Richards, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Parks and Recreation Department’s KALO Gymnasium project in the amount of $2.5 million.

; and

Comm. 92.28
(Memo. No. 6): From Council Member Tim Richards, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Environmental Management Department’s Construct Green Waste Facility at Hāwī (Ka‘auhuhu) Transfer Facility project in the amount of $500,000.

; and

Comm. 92.29
(Memo. No. 7): From Council Member Tim Richards, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Parks and Recreation Department’s King Kamehameha Park – Gym Roof Repair and Other Improvements project in the amount of $490,000.

; and

(Comms. 92.30 and 92.31 – 92.33 continue on the next page.)
Comm. 92.30  (Memo. No. 8): From Council Member Tim Richards, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Parks and Recreation Department’s Kapa'a Beach Park – Solar Power Electricity project in the amount of $110,000.

; and

Comm. 92.31  (Memo. No. 9): From Council Member Tim Richards, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Parks and Recreation Department’s Waikoloa Community Center/Gym/Emergency Shelter project in the amount of $500,000.

; and

Comm. 92.32  (Memo. No. 10): From Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha, transmitting proposed amendments to add the Public Works Department’s Hawai‘i Belt Road Improvements (Honalo Junction to Onouli Road) project in the amount of $6.4 million.

; and

Comm. 92.33  (Memo. No. 11): From Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha, transmitting proposed amendments to re-appropriate the Public Works Department’s Royal Poinciana Drive Sidewalks and Drainage project in the amount of $600,000.

Bill 35:  AMENDS CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 19-90(e), HAWAI‘I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED) RELATING TO THE MINIMUM TAX

Raises the minimum real property tax from $100 to $200, and raises the minimum tax for those who receive a home exemption or a totally disabled veterans exemption from $75 to $150, $50 to $100, and $25 to $50; all per graduated scale based assessments. Also eliminates the minimum tax for properties assessed at a market value of $500 or less.

Reference:  Comm. 288
Intr. by:  Ms. David (B/R)
First Reading:  May 18, 2017

Bill 36:  AMENDS CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 19-71(d), HAWAI‘I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED) RELATING TO HOMES

Adds two new exemption categories for real property owned and occupied as a principal home: (1) for homeowners between 75 and 80 years old; and (2) for homeowners 80 or more years old.

Reference:  Comm. 289
Intr. by:  Ms. David (B/R)
First Reading:  May 18, 2017
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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