

MINUTES

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

May 2, 2007

A meeting of the Community Assistance/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Councilmember Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho, Chair, at the Historic County Building, Room 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 9:03 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho
Honorable Tim Bynum
Honorable Ron Kouchi
Honorable Mel Rapozo
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Bill "Kaipo" Asing, Ex-Officio Member
Honorable Jay Furfaro, Ex-Officio Member

There being no objections, the Committee recessed at 9:03 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:47 p.m., and proceeded as follows:

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item as shown in the following:

Bill No. 2223 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE OFFICES OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE INTO SEPARATE AGENCIES OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1.6, 2-1.16, 2-1.18, 2-1.19, 2-1.20, AND 3-2.1 OF THE KAUA'I COUNTY CODE, 1987, AS AMENDED
[This item was deferred.]

JOANN A. YUKIMURA: Madam Chair, I'd like to ask for the deferral on this issue. I am not going to make a motion to defer right off, but I wanted to explain as the introducer of this bill that prior to being sick, I was trying for three (3) weeks to secure a meeting with the Mayor to discuss with him this bill and possible alternatives and was not able to get a meeting. I would still like to have that opportunity out of the deference that Councilmember Kouchi mentioned in terms of the Mayor being the head of the Administration, but I do feel that some dialogue is necessary. For that reason and also for the reason that I requested information from the Personnel Office and while it is dated April 12, we didn't get until today and I would like some chance to digest that and go over it.

SHAYLENE ISERI-CARVALHO, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE/IGR COMMITTEE CHAIR: Alright. Thank you. Any further comments before I open it up for public testimony? Did anyone wish to... I have on my agenda that Gary Heu would have been here to address any questions.

Ms. Yukimura: I just talked to him and because I told him that a deferral was likely...

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: So he left?

Ms. Yukimura: Yes.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Alright. Anyone else have any concerns to be raised at this time before I open it up for public testimony?

MEL RAPOZO: It is just that I would support the request for deferral as well.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: But before we get there, the public has a right to speak, so I will at this time suspend the rules.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Is there anyone who wishes to speak on this item, you are free to do so at this time? There appears to be no one who wishes to speak at this time. What I will do is call the meeting back to order.

The meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Councilmember Yukimura?

Ms. Yukimura: Moved to defer.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: If I could, geez... can you please... As the Chair of the Committee, I just wanted to give some comments with respect to this bill. I believe Councilmember Yukimura you may have not been present at the time that there were some statements that were made by the various Department Heads who were in those agencies (the Housing, Transportation and Elderly Affairs), so I would simply ask that you may want to refer to those comments during the time that it is being deferred.

Ms. Yukimura: Thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: There was also a testimony that was presented on this bill at the public hearing by Alice Parker and I would ask that that portion of the public hearing be made available for you to review as well in light of your illness Councilmember Yukimura.

Ms. Yukimura: Thank you very much.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: So just to give you some update as to what had happened since you were not here. So I would hope by the next time, there will be a meeting that you would meet with the Administration. I know that I would like to state that you have been meeting with various people on this and at this time, it will be well worth it for all of us to get our thoughts together and try to gain as much information as possible to provide input into the bill.

Ms. Yukimura: Thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: At this time, I am ready to entertain a motion to defer.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Yukimura, seconded by Councilmember Kouchi, and unanimously carried, Bill No. 2223 was deferred.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on May 30, 2007:



SHAYLENE ISERI-CARVALHO
Chair, Community Assistance/Intergovernmental Relations Committee

