

MINUTES

FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 16, 2007

A meeting of the Finance/Economic Development Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Councilmember Jay Furfaro, Chair, at the Historic County Building, Room 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 9:20 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

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

JAY FURFARO, FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIR: Before I go into the first item, I would like to give Mr. Rapozo a moment of privilege.

MEL RAPOZO: Thank you Mr. Furfaro. I just wanted to take a real quick moment to address the community. I know that this will air on Friday probably, but we have recently been bombarded with a lot of phone calls and e-mails regarding the K-PAL program that this Council has cut the K-PAL program. I know for many of you that don't know what K-PAL is, it is the Police Athletic League or Police Activities League which this Council has supported for many, many years. For some reason, in the community, the word is that the Council cut the program last night during our budget session... we were here until 2:00 a.m. in the morning, but at no time did we cut that program. That program was not cut, there was no request for funding for the program by anyone, so I just wanted to set the record straight that this Council did not, in fact, cut any K-PAL funding. There was a K-PAL position in the budget for the last two (2) years that had gone unfilled and it was stated by the Police Chief or the Deputy Chief last night, that there was no real intent to fill that position so, therefore, the Council did remove that as among other positions that had not gone filled because it was our belief that the positions that are not filled and not recruited for should not take up taxpayer's money as a funded vacancy. So I just wanted to set the record straight that, in fact, the K-PAL program was not cut due to the Council and I just wanted to make that clear and if anybody has any questions pertaining to that, feel free to call myself here at the Council Office or on my cell phone 645-0243 because I think we need to get the right information out. Thank you very much Mr. Furfaro.

Mr. Furfaro: Mr. Rapozo, thank you.

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

Minutes of the April 18, 2007 Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Iseri-Carvalho, seconded by Councilmember Kouchi, and unanimously carried, Minutes of the April 18, 2007 Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Ishibashi
Council Services Assistant

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on June 27, 2007:



JAY FURFARO
Chair, Finance/Economic Development Committee