



HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA 1st Session COMMITTEE ON PLANNING

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DATE: December 19, 2000 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON COMM. 20:

[Comm. 20:](#) APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN AS COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

PC: Recs. The approval of the nomination of Mr. Christopher J. Yuen as Director of Planning (Note: All previously numbered communications and other incoming communications received in support of Mr. Yuen's nomination, will be referred to the upcoming Council meeting.)

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated December 6, 2000, submitting for confirmation the following appointment for Planning Director:

Mr. Christopher J. Yuen, who, since 1987, has been in private practice of law; and served two terms as the Hawai'i Island member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources from 1990 through 1998.

If confirmed, Mr. Yuen will serve a term co-terminous with Mayor Kim, ending on December 6, 2004. His resume is attached for information.

(Note: Letters from the public regarding Comm. 20 follows on Pages 2 and 3.)

- [Comm. 20.1:](#) From Ramen A. Owens, dated December 1, 2000, supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen as the Planning Director of Hawai'i County.
- [Comm. 20.2:](#) From Bob Akamine, US Air Force (Ret), dated November 30, 2000, supporting the nomination of Christopher Yuen as Director of the County Planning Department.
- [Comm. 20.3:](#) From Anson Chong, former State Senator, dated December 1, 2000, supporting the appointment of Christopher Yuen as the Hawai'i County Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.4:](#) From Nita Isherwood, dated December 5, 2000, supporting the nomination of Chris Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.5:](#) From Ronald D. Gordon, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Communication, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, dated December 1, 2000, supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen.
- [Comm. 20.6:](#) From Bob and Elfie Wilkins, dated December 2, 2000, supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen.
- [Comm. 20.7:](#) From Jeremy Kelley, Tour Pilot, dated December 1, 2000, supporting the nomination of Christopher Yuen as County of Hawai'i's Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.8:](#) From Linda L. Damas, Lecturer in Humanities, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, dated December 4, 2000, endorsing Chris Yuen as Hawai'i County Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.9:](#) From Robert E. Klein, D.C., F.A.C.O., Klein Chiropractic Center, dated December 5, 2000, supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.10:](#) From Fred Soriano, dated December 5, 2000, supporting the nomination of Chris Yuen as Planning Director for the County of Hawai'i.
- [Comm. 20.11:](#) From Steven D. Strauss, attorney, dated December 6, 2000, supporting the appointment of Christopher Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.12:](#) From Dorothy W. Doudna, dated December 4, 2000, supporting Chris Yuen as Planning Director.

- [Comm. 20.13:](#) From Brent Gallagher, dated December 5, 2000, supporting Mr. Chris Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.14:](#) From Andrea Alonzo, President, Renew Hawai'i, Inc., dated December 6, 2000, writing in support of Mr. Christopher Yuen's appointment to the Hawai'i County Planning Director position.
- [Comm. 20.15:](#) From Lee Henry, dated December 2, 2000, strongly supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen as Director of the Planning Department.
- [Comm. 20.16:](#) From Michael Martin, dated December 6, 2000, expressing support of the appointment of Chris Yuen as the Director of the Planning Department.
- [Comm. 20.17:](#) From Susie Yong and Joseph P. Jones, dated December 4, 2000, writing in support of Christopher Yuen's appointment as County Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.18:](#) From Reverend Don Swerdfeger, Retired Minister, United Methodist Church, dated December 6, 2000, supporting the appointment of Chris Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.19:](#) From Emily Burt, expressing support of Chris Yuen as Planning Director.
- [Comm. 20.20:](#) From Evan King, President, Puako Community Association, dated December 6, 2000, informing that their association fully supports the appointment of Chris Yuen to the position of County Planning Director and respectfully requests unanimous confirmation by the Council.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REFERRALS

- [Comm. 17:](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATE LAND USE BOUNDARIES
[\(Bill 7\)](#) MAP, H-13 FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, BY CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM THE AGRICULTURAL TO THE URBAN DISTRICT AT PUEHUEHU, NORTH KOHALA, HAWAII, COVERED BY TAX MAP KEY 5-4-2:PORTION OF 6 (Approximately 2.421 Acres)
Applicant: Peter Messmer; and

PC: Recs. Bill 7
pass First Reading

*(Note: Summary of accompanying Bill 8,
which is a change of zone application, is on the next page.)*

(Bill 8)

PC: Recs. Bill 8,
Draft 2, as
amended to
Draft 3, pass First
Reading (Note:
Bill 8, Draft 2, was
circulated at the
meeting.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-8-8 (UPOLU POINT-KAAUHUUHOMESTEADS ZONE MAP), ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 25 (ZONING CODE) OF THE HAWAII COUNTY CODE, BY CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-20a) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-15) AT PUEHUEHU, NORTH KOHALA, HAWAII, COVERED BY TAX MAP KEY 5-4-2:PORTION OF 6

(Approximately 2.421 Acres)

Applicant: Peter Messmer

From Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro, dated November 30, 2000, transmitting a letter and above bills from Planning Commission Chair Richard B. Baker, Jr.

Comm. 18:

(Bill 9)

PC: Recs. Bill 9
pass First Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATE LAND USE BOUNDARIES MAP, H-8 FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, BY CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM THE AGRICULTURAL TO THE URBAN DISTRICT AT KEAUHOU 1ST, NORTH KONA, HAWAII, COVERED BY TAX MAP KEY 7-8-11:9 (Approximately 4.606 Acres)

Applicant: Owners of Parcel 9; and

(Bill 10)

PC: Recs. Bill 10,
Draft 2, as
amended to
Draft 3, pass First
Reading (Note:
Bill 10, Draft 2,
was circulated at
the meeting.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-8-3 (NORTH KONA ZONE MAP), ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 25 (ZONING CODE) OF THE HAWAII COUNTY CODE, BY CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-5a) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-15) AT KEAUHOU 1ST, NORTH KONA, HAWAII, COVERED BY TAX MAP KEY 7-8-11:9

(Approximately 4.606 Acres)

Applicant: Owners of Parcel 9

From Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro, dated November 30, 2000, transmitting a letter and above bills from Planning Commission Chair Richard B. Baker, Jr.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting place is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who need special accommodations to attend this meeting should call 961-8245 by December 15, 2000. Persons using TDDs may call 961-8521.

(Copies of this agenda and the communications are posted and filed at the County Clerk's Office, 25 Aupuni St., Hilo; the Office of the Mayor, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona; and the Kona Councilmembers' Office, 77-6399 Nalani St., Suite 104, Kailua-Kona. For further information, please call 961-8245. Those wishing to testify, please register with the County Clerk's staff prior to the convening of the meeting. If possible, submit fifteen (15) written copies of testimony to staff prior to the convening of the meeting.)

GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION: Channel 9 (Hilo) and Channel 12 (Kona)
The Public Works & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Finance Committee meetings can be seen on Tuesday, December 26 at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30 p.m. The Parks & Environmental Management Committee; Planning Committee and Human Services & Economic Development Committee meetings can be seen on Thursday, December 28 at 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 4 at 8:30 p.m. All meetings will be aired on Sunday, January 7 at 9 a.m.