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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
43rd Session**

DATE: August 31, 2004 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

(Note: Please turn cell phones, pagers and other mobile communication devices on silent mode.)

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REFERRALS

- Comm. 8.36: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - AUGUST 1 - 15, 2004
From Controller Deanna Sako, dated August 18, 2004, transmitting a Report of Transfers Authorized showing transfers made from August 1 through 15, 2004, and copies of the approved transfer forms. This report shows transfers relating to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.
- Comm. 12.22: MARIJUANA ERADICATION MISSION REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2004
From Police Chief Lawrence K. Mahuna, dated August 2, 2004, transmitting the above reports of missions conducted on July 6-8 and 26, 2004, in East Hawai'i, and July 1-2, 2004 in West Hawai'i, as required by Res. 46-01. The reports indicate the number of plants eradicated. No complaints were received during this period.
- Comm. 21.140: FINAL REPORT - EMS FOR CHILDREN GRANT
From the Hawai'i County Fire Department, dated July 27, 2004, submitting the above report, pursuant to Ord. 02-76.
- Comm. 140.83: FINAL REPORT - RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GRANT
From Executive on Aging Alan Parker, dated August 9, 2004, submitting the above report, pursuant to Ord. 03-91.

- Comm. 140.84: FINAL REPORT - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) GRANT
From the Hawai'i County Fire Department, dated July 28, 2004, submitting the above report, pursuant to Ord. 03-91.
- Comm. 140.85: FINAL REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FROM BIOTERRORISM GRANT
From the Hawai'i County Fire Department, dated July 27, 2004, submitting the above report, pursuant to Ord. 03-91.
- Comm. 316.1: COUNTY OF HAWAI'I INVENTORY AS OF JUNE 30, 2004
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated August 13, 2004, transmitting the County of Hawai'i inventory as of June 30, 2004, pursuant to Act 186, Part XII, Section 103D-1208, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, for information and file.
- Comm. 734:
(Res. 228-04) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PURSUANT TO HRS 46-7, FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5309 CAPITAL GRANT; and
- (Bill 313) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 04-74, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 (by appropriating a \$2,357,423 Federal Transit Administration grant)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated August 11, 2004, transmitting the above resolution and bill. The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation has approved a \$2,357,423 Federal Transportation Administration Section 5309 Capital Grant for the Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency. The funds will be used to purchase vehicles to enhance the island's public transportation services and to create park and ride lots in Kona and Puna.
- Comm. 736:
(Bill 314) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-75, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005 (by adding the Miloli'i Beach Park Improvements project for \$66,457)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated August 11, 2004, transmitting the above bill. Supplemental funding necessary for completion of the construction project will be attributed from other existing Department of Parks and Recreation accounts for Accessibility Compliance, Repairs to Facilities and/or Wastewater Improvements. This project will bring the park's restroom building and wastewater system into compliance with the current building code, health regulations and accessibility requirements. Lapsed funds from prior appropriations will be used to fund this reappropriation.

Comm. 737: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER
(Res. 229-04) FISCAL YEAR AND OF MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR A MULTI-YEAR LEASE FOR A COPY MACHINE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

From County Clerk Alan S. Konishi, dated August 17, 2004, transmitting the above resolution. Since the current contract for the 265ST copier has expired, the Clerk's Office would like to secure the option to lease a newer model, which is on the County's bid list. The advantages of the newer model are the increased speed, document feeder capacity, paper capacity, processor speed, hard drive, and RAM. The transition will save the County approximately \$92 per month. Attached worksheet shows the cost comparison between the current model and the newer model Xerox WorkCentre Pro 90.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Comm. 394: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY
(Bill 174) CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), REAL PROPERTY TAXES, RELATING TO HOME EXEMPTIONS (creates an additional exemption of 20% of the pre-exemption assessed value, to a maximum of \$80,000, for those eligible for the home exemption)

From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 23, 2003, transmitting the above bill. This new exemption will provide needed tax relief to most homeowners on the Big Island, particularly younger or lower income families living in areas with rapidly increasing property values. It will also assist older homeowners on fixed incomes living in similar areas.

Comm. 394.1: From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 30, 2003, transmitting
(Bill 174) Bill 174, Draft 2.
(Draft 2)

Comm. 395: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY
(Bill 175) CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), REAL PROPERTY TAXES, RELATING TO VALUATION (by limiting the increase in the market value of properties in the homeowners class to not more than three percent (3%) per tax year until the property is sold or otherwise transferred)

From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 23, 2003, transmitting the above bill. This growth cap is proposed to provide needed relief to residents of the Big Island experiencing rapidly increasing property values.

Comm. 394.1: From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 30, 2003, transmitting
(Bill 175) Bill 175, Draft 2.
(Draft 2)

- Comm. 396:
(Bill 176) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), REAL PROPERTY TAXES, RELATING TO NONSPECULATIVE RESIDENTIAL USE ASSESSMENT (by reducing the nonspeculative residential use dedication from 10 years to five years, and reducing the corresponding rollback provisions by five years)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 23, 2003, transmitting the above bill. Many homeowners choose not to participate in the nonspeculative residential use dedication program due to the uncertainties of a long dedication period, and the cost of breaching the dedication. These changes will encourage more residents, particularly older persons living in areas with rapidly increasing property values, to participate in the program and still enable the county to carry out its purposes.
- Comm. 394.1:
(Bill 176)
(Draft 2) From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 30, 2003, transmitting Bill 176, Draft 2.
- Comm. 394.2: From Legislative Auditor Constance R. Kiriu, Fiscal Program Review Auditor Rory Flynn and Legislative Analyst Rodney Oshiro, dated November 4, 2003, regarding Bills 174 (Home Exemptions); 175 (Valuation); and 176 (Nonspeculative Residential Use Assessment).
- Comm. 394.3: Email from John Bertrand sent November 3, 2003, commenting on proposed changes to the Property Tax Law.
- Comm. 398:
(Bill 177) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), REAL PROPERTY TAXES, RELATING TO HOME EXEMPTIONS (by improving the definition of *real property owned and occupied as a principal home as defined in subsection 19-71[e]*)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated October 10, 2003, transmitting the above bill, which proposes three elements necessary for real property to be considered a principal home and some of the documentation that the director of finance may require as evidence of the owner's intent to create or maintain a principal home.

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 **August 27, 2004**. 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 the testimony to staff prior to the convening of the meeting.)

VIEWING OF MEETINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION - Channel 52 (Hilo/Kona)
Public Works and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Finance Committee - Tuesdays, September 7 and 14, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; Parks and Environmental Management Committee and Planning Committee - Thursdays, September 9 and 16, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; and all four Committee meetings - Sunday, September 19, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.