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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
48th Session**

**DATE:** November 23, 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. 12.25: MARIJUANA ERADICATION MISSION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2004  
*Close file*

From Police Chief Lawrence K. Mahuna, dated November 1, 2004, submitting the above report of missions conducted on October 4, 2004 in West Hawai'i and October 12-14, 2004 in East Hawai'i. Pursuant to Resolution 46-01, reports indicating the number of plants eradicated and the number of complaints received from the public, the type of complaint and the complaint disposition are attached.

Comm. 140.97: FINAL REPORT - STATEWIDE MARIJUANA ERADICATION PROGRAM GRANT  
*Close file*

From Deputy and Acting Police Chief Harry S. Kubojiri, dated October 28, 2004, submitting the above report pursuant to Ord. 03-91.

Comm. 664:  
(Bill 281) AN ORDINANCE TO INITIATE A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE VI OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CHARTER (2000) RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW KONA PLANNING COMMISSION

From Councilmembers Joseph Reynolds and J. Curtis Tyler, III, dated June 24, 2004, transmitting the above bill. Seeks to create a Kona Planning Commission and a Hawai'i Planning Commission.

*Amended to Draft 2 and deferred*

- Comm. 849:  
(Bill 368)  
**Deferred**
- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (increases taxi meter rates - the initial "drop" rate would increase from \$2 to \$3, and the charge per one-eighth mile of travel would increase from .25 cents to .30 cents)  
From Transit Administrator Thomas Brown, dated October 25, 2004, transmitting the above bill. Provides a comparison of travel costs and states the taxi meter rates were last increased in 1997.
- Comm. 851:  
(Res. 270-04)
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER FISCAL YEAR AND OF MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR SIX (6) TRUCK TRACTORS (for the Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division)  

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From Finance Director William Takaba, dated November 8, 2004, transmitting the above resolution. Currently, three of their truck tractors have high mileage, incur major repairs, and are approaching the end of their useful life. The Division also needs three additional truck tractors to manage the increased quantities of solid waste and to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations governing solid waste management.  
**Recommends adoption of Res. 270-04**
- Comm. 852:  
(Res. 271-04)
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER FISCAL YEAR AND OF MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR TWO (2) REFUSE TRAILERS (for the Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division)  

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From William Takaba, dated November 9, 2004, transmitting the above resolution. The additional trailers are needed to manage the increased quantities of solid waste and to support the proposed South Kona/Ka'u transfer station  
**Recommends adoption of Res. 271-04**
- Comm. 853:  
(Bill 369)
- 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 (adds the Machado Acres Park project for \$50,000)  

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From Finance Director William Takaba, dated November 9, 2004, transmitting the above bill. These additional funds, made available by Council Chair James Y. Arakaki's assignment of discretionary fund monies, will augment the current allotment to ensure that adequate funding is available to implement the project and result in a passive park site for the enjoyment of the community, to ensure adequate surface water flow through drainage easements at the site, and to remove large trees and undergrowth that could negatively impact surrounding property owners.  
**Recommends passage of Bill 369 on first reading**

- Comm. 854:  
(Res. 272-04) RESOLUTION CREATING TWENTY (20) POLICE OFFICER I (TEMPORARY) POSITIONS FOR THE HAWAI'I COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated November 9, 2004, transmitting the above resolution. Creation of these positions will alleviate cumbersome payroll and personnel tasks resulting from the increasing number of vacancies and the lack of Police Officer I (Temporary) positions available. These positions will be funded from salaries and wages within the department from resulting vacancies, similar to other Police Officer I Temporary positions.  
**Recommends adoption of Res. 272-04**
- Comm. 855: DONATION OF 1) ONE HUNDRED (100) METAL FOLDING CHAIRS AND A ROLL-AWAY STAND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR USE AT AUNTY SALLY'S LU'AU HALE (REPLACING THE AGING CHAIRS) BY THE HAWAI'I BALLROOM DANCE ASSOCIATION; and 2) MONETARY DONATION OF \$50 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS AT 'ALAE CEMETERY BY MR. STEVE HOAG  
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated November 9, 2004, requesting the Council's approval of the above donations.  
**Recommends acceptance of above donations**
- Comm. 856:  
(Bill 370) 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 appropriating an additional \$204,000 to the Parks and Recreation Repairs and Facilities Capital Improvement project account for various park improvements)  
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated November 9, 2004, transmitting the above bill. Councilmembers James Y. Arakaki, Joe Reynolds and Leningrad Elarionoff have generously assigned discretionary fund monies to assist in implementing much needed park repairs and improvements within their respective districts, as follows: District 3 (Mr. Arakaki) - \$49,500 to Pana'ewa Equestrian Center Arena; District 7 (Mr. Reynolds) - \$74,500 to repair playground equipment and other improvements at Higashihara Park; and District 9 (Mr. Elarionoff) - \$30,000 to repair facilities at the Kamehameha Park complex, \$30,000 to repair facilities at the Waimea Park Complex and \$20,000 for tree trimming seven landscape improvements for Waimea Trails and Greenways near Waimea Country School.  
**Recommends passage of Bill 370 on first reading**

Comm. 857:  
(Bill 371) AN ORDINANCE TO INITIATE A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CHARTER (2000), RELATING TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 3-2, COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL (increases the eligibility of Councilmembers to hold office for six consecutive terms, or a maximum of 12 years)  
From Councilmember Aaron S.Y. Chung, dated November 10, 2004, transmitting the above bill. The purpose of submitting this bill is to address the need for Council service to extend through the legislative life of such issues as the General Plan, revised every ten years, and such concerns as affordable housing, which tend to re-emerge in cycles. States the bill has been drafted in a manner precludes any current Councilmember from holding office longer than six consecutive terms, beginning with members elected in 1994 and thereafter.  
**Recommends passage of Bill 371 on first reading**

#### **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 **November 19, 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.)

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Human Services & Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee meetings - Tuesdays, November 30 and December 7, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; Planning Committee meetings - Thursdays, December 2 and December 9, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; and all three Committee meetings - Sunday, December 12, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.