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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
35th Session**

DATE: May 16, 2006 (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. 24.29: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - APRIL 16-30, 2006
Close File From Controller Deanna Sako, dated April 17, 2006, transmitting a Report of Transfers Authorized showing transfers made from April 16, 2006 through April 30, 2006. Copies of the approved transfer forms are attached for reference.

Comm. 851: REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007
Close File From Finance Director William Takaba, dated April 19, 2006, transmitting the above report in compliance with Chapter 19, Article 11, §19-90(e), Hawai'i County Code. The total value of net taxable real property is \$22,707,624,566. This amount is \$6,229,590,301 higher than the previous year, a 37.81 percent increase. Encloses details of the assessed valuations by zones, classes of property, exemptions and appeals. Also encloses the 2006-07 Council District Certification and 2006 Assessment List on compact disk.

Comm. 858: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 05-86, AS AMENDED, THE
(Bill 277) OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 (appropriates an additional \$36,840 to the Disabled
Parking - State account.)

From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated April 21, 2006, transmitting the above bill. The 2005 State Legislature appropriated funds to the State of Hawai'i Department of Health - Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) to compensate the County of Hawai'i and the other three counties for issuing parking placards under the Statewide Program on Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Under an existing agreement with DCAB, these funds will be used towards the County's Disabled Persons Parking Placard Program.

Recommends passage of Bill 277 on first reading

Comm. 887: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I TO
(Res. 362-06) TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO PLACE THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ORDINANCE NO. 06-51 ON THE 2006 GENERAL ELECTION
BALLOT (relating to composition and terms of boards and commissions)

From Committee Chair Virginia Isbell, dated May 3, 2006, transmitting the above resolution, pursuant to Section 15-2, Article XV, Hawai'i County Charter.

Recommends the adoption of Res. 362-06

Comm. 888: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER
(Res. 363-06) FISCAL YEAR AND MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR A MULTI-YEAR
LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S KONA
OFFICE

From Finance Director William Takaba, dated May 2, 2006, transmitting the above resolution. With the current lease set to expire on June 30, 2006, this new 5-year lease will be for their current office location at the Kealakekua Business Center and an additional 1,450 square feet in the same building. This location is well established with the public and is in close proximity with the courts.

Recommends the adoption of Res. 363-06

Comm. 889: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER
(Res. 364-06) FISCAL YEAR AND MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR A MULTI-YEAR
LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 891 ULULANI STREET TO
ACCOMMODATE THE RELOCATION OF SOME OF THE OFFICES
PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 25 AUPUNI STREET; and

Recommends the adoption of Res. 364-06

(Note: Res. 365-06 also related to Comm. 889 continues on the next Page.)

- (Res. 365-06) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF A LATER FISCAL YEAR AND MORE THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR A MULTI-YEAR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PUAINAKO CENTER, BUILDING C, BAY C-5, 2100 KANOELEHUA STREET IN HILO, TO ACCOMMODATE THE RELOCATION OF SOME OF THE OFFICES PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 25 AUPUNI STREET**

From Finance Director William Takaba, dated May 2, 2006, transmitting the above resolutions. In order to complete the repairs and renovations to the County Building in the most expeditious way possible, the Administration has decided to vacate the County Building while the work takes place. An estimated total of between 17,000 - 20,000 square feet of office space and another 6,000 - 7,500 square feet of storage space is needed. Two available sites have been identified as suitable for the County's needs: 1) 891 Ululani Street, formerly the Veterans Administration's Hilo Medical Office Building across from the Police Department; and 2) Bay C-5 at the Puainako Center, 2100 Kanoelehua Avenue, next to Checkers Auto Parts, formerly Longs Drugs Express and Pay 'n' Save.

Recommends the adoption of Res. 365-06

- Comm. 890:
(Bill 283) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 41, OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2005 EDITION), DISASTER AND EMERGENCY FUND, RELATING TO FUND EXPENDITURES (eliminates the maximum appropriation of \$1 million per year and its accumulated maximum of \$5 million; and includes the allowance to pay for operational expense of the County after a disaster or emergency when the County is unable to realize revenue at sufficient levels due to the disaster or emergency); and**

Recommends passage of Bill 283, as amended to Draft 2, on first reading

- (Bill 292) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2005 EDITION), ADMINISTRATION, RELATING TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND (adds a new article entitled "Budget Stabilization Fund")**
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated May 3, 2006 transmitting the above bill. The proposed Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contains an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Disaster and Emergency Fund. To better manage the fund, the Administration is proposing to amend certain sections within the Hawai'i County Code that pertain to this fund. Also in the budget is an appropriation of \$4 million towards the "Rainy Day" fund, to provide for a special fund is being created as allowed by Hawai'i County Charter §10-12 for the purpose of meeting general fund revenue shortfalls and to minimize the need for budget cuts or tax increases. The Budget Stabilization Fund will be a temporary supplement source of funds for the County to use during times of financial hardships while a plan for cost reduction or revenue enhancement is developed.

Recommends passage of Bill 292, as amended to Draft 2, on first reading

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting place is accessible for persons with disabilities. Persons who need special accommodations to attend this meeting should call 961-8245 by **May 12, 2006**. Persons using TDDs may call 961-8521.

Copies of this agenda and the items listed on the agenda 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, Kailua Trade Center, 75-5706 Hanama Place, Suite 109, Kailua-Kona; and at the Waimea Council Members' Office at the Holomua Center, 64-1067 Māmalahoa Highway, Suite 5, Waimea, Hawai'i 96743. For further information, please call 961-8245.

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- Kona Council Office at the Kailua Trade Center; and
- Waimea Council Office at the Holomua Center.

If for technical reasons the video connection cannot be made and/or is disrupted, the scheduled meeting will continue.

Submitting Testimony: Those persons wishing to testify in person or by videoconference must register with the County Clerk's staff. Those testifying in person and submitting written testimony at the meeting in Hilo should bring sixteen (16) copies of the testimony for distribution at the meeting. Those testifying by videoconference from the Kona or Waimea Council Offices, should bring one copy of the testimony. Those persons unable to testify in person or by videoconference may submit testimony (1) by mail to the County Clerk's Office in Hilo at the above address, (2) by facsimile to (808) 961-8912, or (3) by e-mail to counciltestimony@co.hawaii.hi.us. Copies will be made and distributed at the meeting when transmitted in a timely manner. In any case, both oral and written testimony will be made a part of the public record.

Notice to Lobbyists: If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai'i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist {Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai'i County Code}. A lobbyist means "any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials." {Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai'i County Code} Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

VIEWING OF MEETINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION - Channel 52 (Hilo/Kona)
Public Works and Intergovernmental Relations and Finance Committee meetings - Tuesdays, May 23 and 30, 2006, at 8:30 p.m.; and Planning Committee meeting - Thursdays, May 25 and June 1, 2006, at 8:30 p.m.; and all three Committee meetings - Sunday, June 4, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

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