

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 1, 2026
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Video recording of meeting available at: <http://mauicounty.portal.civicclerk.com>

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Kauanoë Batangan	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	9			

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESO 26-83 "EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE 'OHANA OF MERCER 'CHUBBY' KUUHOAPILI VICENS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:22 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	9:22 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Cook	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Seconder	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	9:33 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESOLUTIONS:

RESO 26-67 "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF \$5,000 FROM CHARLES E. TROXEL AND AMY J. STRUTHERS TO HELP WITH RECOVERY FROM THE MARCH 2026 KONA LOW STORMS UNDER SECTION 3.56.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:24 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:25 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Cook	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:25 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESO 26-78 "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF \$1,000 FROM THE WALMART SPARK GOOD GRANTS TEAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES, UNDER SECTION 3.56.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:25 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:27 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Cook	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Second	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:27 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESO 26-79 "REFERRING TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION A PROPOSED BILL TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE ON THE MAUI RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK DISTRICT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:29 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:29 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Cook	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:33 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:29 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:30 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	Amend & suspend R. 19
CM Cook	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Second	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:32 a.m.

CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESO 26-80 "AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 IKE DRIVE, MAKAWAO, MAUI, HAWAI'I TO WOMEN HELPING WOMEN UNDER SECTION 3.36.090, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:27 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:27 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Cook	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Secunder	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:28 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√		√		
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESO 26-82 "AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MEYERS NAVE FOR LITIGATION MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI"

11:33 a.m.: Referred to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee.

ORDINANCES

BILL 77 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ON USING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND TO PROVIDE SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COUNTY'S HOUSELESS POPULATION"

11:34 a.m.: Referred to the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee.

BILL 79 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NEW APPROPRIATION FOR STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:35 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:35 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Cook	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Secondar	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:38 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

BILL 80 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5818 (2025), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT)"

11:38 a.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

BILL 81 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART II, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND, DELETING MALAMA KAKANILUA FROM THE CONDITION TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE 500 ACRE PARCEL KNOWN AS WAI'ALE CULTURAL PRESERVE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:38 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:39 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	FILE
CM Cook	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Secondar	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:41 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				

Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

BILL 82 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SOUTH MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, NEW CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC. FOR STEMWORKS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM FOR KAMALI'I ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:41 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:41 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Cook	√			Maker	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Secunder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:42 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

BILL 83 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WASTEWATER ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM – SEWER FUND, ADD AN APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFER TO THE OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND FOR TMK: (2) 3-8-005-023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$372,933, WASTEWATER OPERATIONS PROGRAM – SEWER FUND, DECREASE CATEGORY B – OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT BY \$372,933, APPENDIX A, PART II, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND, INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND TOTAL BY \$372,933"

11:43 a.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

BILL 84 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.64.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES ON MOLOKAI"

11:44 a.m.: Referred to the Housing and Land Use Committee.

SECOND AND FINAL READING:

BILL 71 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROAD, BRIDGE, AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – HIGHWAY FUND, DECREASE CATEGORY B – OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT BY \$230,000, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – HIGHWAY FUND, DECREASE CATEGORY B – OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT BY \$280,000, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, HIGHWAY FUND, INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTYWIDE ROAD RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT PRESERVATION BY \$510,000, APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTYWIDE ROAD RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT PRESERVATION BY \$510,000"

BILL 72 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, DECREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BY \$50,000, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR CULTURAL AND ARTS PROGRAM BY \$50,000"

BILL 74 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART II, EMERGENCY FUND, MARCH 2026 KONA LOW STORM, INCREASING THE FUNDING AND RENAMING THE WEATHER EVENT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:44 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:46 a.m.
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√			Motion	PASS 71, 72 and 74 on second and final reading
CM Cook	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Secunder	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:46 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				

CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

BILL 75 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, HOUSING PROGRAM, DELETE THE APPROPRIATION FOR HALE O LĀ'IE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, DECREASE CATEGORY B – OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT BY \$550,000, AND DELETE THE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A THIRD-PARTY PROJECT LABOR ADMINISTRATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000, AND A COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY FOR ALL BARGAINING UNITS, STARTING WITH BARGAINING UNITS 3, 4, AND 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY PROGRAM, ADD AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANT TO HAWAII COMMUNITY LENDING, INC. FOR LAHAINA RESIDENTIAL REBUILD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000,000, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, DELETE THE PROJECTS FOR KALANA O MAUI 6TH FLOOR RENOVATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, AND 251 NAPUA STREET STRUCTURE DEMOLITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, REDUCE WEST MAUI LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT BY \$80,000"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:46 a.m.
CM Sinenci	√			Time Motion Made	11:47 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Cook	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Seconder	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Time Vote Taken	11:54 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ORDINANCE FOR SECOND/FINAL

BILL 34 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, ADDING CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR REPAYMENT OF KAMALANI VENTURES LLC"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:55 a.m.
CM Sinenci			√	Time Motion Made	11:56 a.m.
CM U'u-Hodgins			√	Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Cook	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Rawlins- Fernandez		√		Seconder	Cook
CM Johnson		√		Time Vote Taken	11:57 a.m.
CM Paltin	√				
VC Sugimura	√				
CM Batangan	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7	2		MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:00 p.m.