



Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu



**MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 29, 2015
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by President Mel Rapozo at 10:05 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Kauai: HSAC President Mel Rapozo, County of Kauai Council Chair

County of Hawaii: Vice President Alternate Daniel K. Paleka, County of Hawaii Councilmember

City and County of Honolulu: Secretary Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Council Vice-Chair

County of Maui: Treasurer Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember

Others Present: Honolulu staff Doug Chun, Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services;
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services;
Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services.
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Hawaii Construction Alliance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.



counties from restrictive meetings provisions in HRS Chapter 92 in order to provide less burdensome meeting provisions, on par with those that the Legislature currently enjoys.

Finally, Treasurer Victorino distributed a "postcard" that the Council provides to constituents regarding the 2016 Budget Results, which highlights positive aspects of the recently completed budget process, including reducing property taxes and expenditures, and providing funding for specific infrastructure needs.

(A discussion ensued with President Rapozo agreeing with Treasurer Victorino that HSAC should unite behind the issues of strengthening the counties' position in state/county negotiations for services, protecting the counties' share of the TAT, and working to eliminate the restrictive nature of the OIP open meeting requirements.)

2. Hawaii County Report. Vice President Alternate Daniel Paleka thanked Maui County for putting on a great HSAC conference last month. He then reported that Hawaii County now has \$99 million in bond funds that will target numerous improvements, including the upgrading of island parks, funding for soil conservation districts, and the acquisition of property for conservation. Finally, he noted that a "pay as you throw" bill was introduced to set fees for solid waste disposal, which generated much discussion and opposition, and was subsequently withdrawn. (A discussion ensued on the "pay as you throw" issue, with the lack of recycling, waste-to-energy, and other processing facilities mentioned as potential roadblocks in any "pay as you throw" program.)

3. City and County of Honolulu Report. Secretary Anderson reported the following items: 1) The Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee deferred Bill 5 (2014), which would have added sparklers and fountains to the current consumer fireworks law as a permissible use, 2) The Zoning and Planning (Z&P) Committee reported out Bill 45, dealing with diaper changing accommodations; Bill 44, which prohibits persons from sitting or lying on public malls in the Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown areas (Secretary Anderson noted at this point that he would be looking into the possibility of reviving Bill 45 (2014), which would establish an island-wide sit/lie ban); and Bill 49, amending the city's laws relating to the use of public malls to provide for greater flexibility for the Department of Parks and Recreation's regulation of pedestrian malls in the Downtown/Chinatown area. The Z&P committee also deferred action on Bill 20, amending the Land Use Ordinance

(LUO) to establish accessory dwelling units as a permitted use in all residential zoning districts. This was done in order for the committee to explore certain additional amendments, 3) The Council recently hosted the Mayor and other officials of Fukuoka, Japan at meetings to discuss potential economic and civic opportunities between the two cities, 4) the Council is currently working with the Nagaoka City Council of Japan on co-hosting the Peace Exchange Commemorative Project to strengthen ties between the U.S. and Japan. On October 14-15, 2015, the Youth Peace Exchange Summit will be held and Nagaoka fireworks will be launched at Pearl Harbor. The public is invited to attend, and 5) Work has already begun for the Annual Honolulu City Lights to be celebrated at both Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale.

(At this point in the meeting, Treasurer Victorino asked whether it would be possible to hold the December HSAC Executive Committee meeting at Kapolei Hale. President Rapozo agreed that it would be a good idea and said he would look into scheduling the December meeting at that venue.)

4. Kauai County Report. President Rapozo began by noting that Kauai recently had a tragic landfill accident that killed a county employee. He further noted that OSHA was investigating the incident.

President Rapozo thanked Maui County for hosting a great HSAC conference. He then reported on Kauai County's Charter Amendment proposals: 1) The County Council is looking at the pros and cons of a County Manager system, which would effectively do away with a mayor and the executive branch system. President Rapozo wants to honestly look into this once and for all in order to either pursue it on the ballot or put the issue to rest. (A discussion ensued that touched upon the various iterations of the county manager system, accountability resulting from continuity, civil service ramifications, and other issues.), and 2) The Council may also propose a Charter Amendment to remove term limits for Kauai elected officials.

President Rapozo thanked Honolulu for tackling the homeless problem, noting that it was becoming a bigger issue on the neighbor islands. (A discussion ensued that touched upon homeless people from out of state, NIMBYism, different categories of homeless persons, sit/lie pros and cons, Housing First, and other issues.)

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the county reports.

C. NACo Report

Treasurer Victorino reported that the annual NACo conference held on July 9-13, 2015 in Charlotte, North Carolina was a good conference with solid panels, excellent speakers, and interesting activities.

President Rapozo noted that HSAC is facing a changing of the guard, with new councilmembers taking on leadership roles on NACo committees. He further mentioned that it was incumbent on the old-timers on HSAC to pass on their institutional knowledge and connections to the younger councilmembers who are coming in.

D. WIR Report

Vice President Alternate Daniel Paleka noted that an upcoming conference is scheduled for October 7-9, 2015 in Ada County, Idaho.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the NACo and WIR reports.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business listed on the agenda. (At this point, Treasurer Victorino asked about the Big Island acting on the HSAC slate of officers that was deferred at the 2015 HSAC conference due to Hawaii County's defeating the associated Big Island Resolution that would have approved the HSAC slate. President Rapozo noted that he was notified that the original HSAC Resolution cannot be brought back to the table for Hawaii County Council consideration unless there is at least one position change in the slate. Secretary Anderson offered to take on the position of Treasurer to ensure a change in the slate, with the new slate being as follows: Maui—President, Hawaii Island—Vice President, Honolulu—Treasurer, and Kauai—Secretary. Secretary Anderson offered to take the lead in this matter to move it forward.)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication (July 8, 2015) from City Clerk Glen Takahashi, City and County of Honolulu, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 15-152, Urging The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties To Support State Legislative Efforts To Allow Two Individuals Who Are Married Or In A Civil Union To Reside In The Same Community Care Foster Family Home Under Certain Conditions, that was adopted by

the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on July 8, 2015.

President Rapozo noted that he was shocked that the State Legislature did not support and approve this humane and compassionate measure during the last Legislative Session. He asked Secretary Anderson if he wanted an HSAC Resolution or a letter of support for Resolution No. 15-152. Secretary Anderson stated that a letter would suffice.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- B. Communication (July 15, 2015) from the Office of Council Chair Mike White, County of Maui, transmitting for the Executive Committee's consideration a nomination form for the NACo Transportation Committee.

Treasurer Victorino noted that this communication was sent late (after the fact) and was Council Chair White's preferred corrective action in this matter, just in case a problem arose.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Schedule the next meeting:

Thursday, August 27, 2015, Honolulu Hale Committee Room, 10:00 a.m.

- B. Other announcements.

Treasurer Victorino announced that Maui County will host a "Budget System Review" regarding the way that Maui County handles and processes its annual budget. This came about because the Chair of the Hawaii County Council expressed a desire to visit and see how things are done on Maui. This Budget System Review meeting will occur on September 11 in the Maui County Council Chamber at 10:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

President Rapozo mentioned that a man named Walter Stazinsky called him and asked about being the keynote speaker at the next HSAC conference. Vice President Alternate Paleka offered to follow up with Mr. Stazinsky since the Hawaii Island County Council will host the HSAC annual conference in 2016.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

IKAIKA ANDERSON, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties