



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
SUSTAINABILITY**

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**Voting Members:**

Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair  
Brandon J.C. Elefante  
Joey Manahan  
Trevor Ozawa

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## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability was called to order by Committee Chair Carol Fukunaga at 1:05 p.m. Voting Members Anderson, Elefante, Manahan and Ozawa were present at the meeting. Nonvoting Member Kobayashi also attended the meeting.

### STAFF PRESENT

Amanda Suyat, Legislative Aide to Committee Chair Fukunaga  
Andrew Sekine, Analyst, Office of Council Services  
Lloyd Yoshioka, Attorney, Office of Council Services  
Kathleen Kelly, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee  
Darcie Nago, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability were approved as circulated.

AYES:           ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MANAHAN, OZAWA, FUKUNAGA – 5.  
NOES:           None.

FOR ACTION

1. BILL 80 (2015)

GREEN WASTE. Addressing the disposal of green waste generated by the United States Navy's efforts to eradicate the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 80 (2015) (Submitted by Councilmember Kobayashi) – The CD1 (OCS2016-0176/2/23/2016 9:34 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Replaces the language in SECTION 2 with a requirement that the unit charges for the disposal of all green waste generated by the United States Navy as a result of the Navy's efforts to eradicate the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle on Oahu shall be discounted to 50 percent of the unit charges for disposal.
- B. Makes other non-substantive technical amendments to the bill.

Administration/Others

Tim Houghton, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Services (ENV)  
Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Muller, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam  
Darcy Oishi, Hawaii Department of Agriculture

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kobayashi, the introducer, provided a brief overview of the Bill, stating that a tipping fee discount would offer a "thank you" to the Military for their community service.

Deputy Director Houghton acknowledged support for the Military's community efforts; however, opposed extending a discount tipping fee since accepting green waste was within permit limits. It would cost the City an estimated \$230,000 for 5,000 tons per year to support the discount.

Deputy Director Houghton addressed Councilmember Kobayashi's queries, stating that there have been discussions with the Navy about discount options; however, the existing ordinance does not have a vehicle to offer a reduced fee. The ENV agreed to additional discussions with the Navy in order to find a workable solution.

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Lieutenant Colonel Muller stated that burning green waste helps in the eradication efforts since the beetle, larva, and the eggs are laid on the green waste or mulch.

Lieutenant Colonel Muller and Mr. Oishi responded to members' queries with the following information:

- The Navy currently burns all green waste in-house; however, they are looking for another fiscally sound avenue for the additional 5,000 tons from large clearing projects instead of stock piling green waste.
- The City has been engaging in meetings with the Navy and most recently, the Department of Emergency Management has assisted by analyzing data in new ways that help in the Nanakuli and Iroquois Point areas.
- Eradication efforts is a two-year State project funded in part, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- The State will receive \$1.22 million, which is half of the minimum needed, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on September 1, 2016 for eradication efforts. Additional Federal funding may be contingent on the partnership between the City and State.

Committee Chair Fukunaga recommended deferring action on the Bill, as requested by Councilmember Kobayashi, to allow the ENV to work with the Navy on the Bill and on a Federal grant proposal for additional funding.

Action on Bill 80 (2015) deferred.

AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MANAHAN, OZAWA, FUKUNAGA – 5.  
NOES: None.

Related communications:

- M-479 Frederick M. Mencher for Grant Hamachi, President, East Oahu County Farm Bureau (comments)
- M-480 Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Muller, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam (comments)
- M-481 Darcy Oishi, Hawaii Department of Agriculture (comments)

2. BILL 1 (2016)

ROADWAYS IN DISPUTE. Addressing substandard and unmaintained public streets, roads, or highways whose ownership is in dispute between the State and the City, and which are located within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station.

Administration/Others

Ross Sasamura, Director and Chief Engineer, Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM)

There was no public testimony.

Committee Member Manahan, the introducer, provided a brief overview of the Bill, stating that it addresses issues relating to maintenance and infrastructure of roadways in dispute around Transit-Oriented Developments (TOD) and rail stations. The Committee Member provided an update, stating that discussions with the DFM have begun; however, he is waiting for participation from the TOD Division within the Department of Planning and Permitting in order to have a meaningful discussion.

Director Sasamura stated that the DFM is in dialogue with Committee Member Manahan to address issues, such as drainage. The Director noted that the matter was a private road issue that could be addressed among community members. He informed the Committee that a road rehabilitation program would begin before the end of the year in the Kalihi area, makai of Dillingham Boulevard.

The Director addressed Committee Member Elefante's query, stating that it would cost millions of dollars to install curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and any Americans with Disabilities Act access onto an unimproved street.

Committee Member Manahan stated his concern about installing the infrastructure after the rail guideway.

Committee Chair Fukunaga recommended deferring action on the Bill, as requested by Committee Member Manahan, to allow for further discussions.

Action on Bill 1 (2016) deferred.

AYES:           ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MANAHAN, OZAWA, FUKUNAGA – 5.  
NOES:           None.

FOR DISCUSSION

3. MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF SALT LAKE WATERWAY DRAINAGEWAYS.

Administration/Others

Ross Sasamura, Director and Chief Engineer, Department of Facility  
Maintenance (DFM)

Dennis Egge

Stephen Kabei

Dante Carpenter

Director Sasamura provided a brief update, stating that the DFM completed minor dredging, clearing, and cleaning of the City controlled area in Salt Lake on February 13, 2016.

Committee Member Manahan provided a brief background of the Salt Lake Waterway, stating that it is situated between the Honolulu Country Club (HCC) Golf Course, the Country Club Villages, and other private residences. There are three major property owners: the City, residences, and the HCC. The Waterway is the main drainage point for the watershed area of the Salt Lake and Moanalua Valley area.

Committee Member Manahan stated his concern about the mosquitos attracted to the stagnate water in the Salt Lake Waterway. The Committee Member has received letters from the State Department of Health, noting their concerns with hydrogen sulfide emissions, as detailed in Communication CC-38. As a result, there have been two community meetings; however, the HCC has not yet participated.

Director Sasamura addressed Committee members' queries with the following information:

- In 2005, the City dredged the Waterway as a part of a Vision Team Project. An agreement was signed soon after, stating that the HCC was responsible for maintenance of the Waterway. The Waterway is located within the parcel of the HCC.
- The City has jurisdictional limits on private properties, such as the kind of work that could be done and the use of City funds is prohibited.
- The DFM would be the enforcing agency to cite a private owner for overgrowth buildup.

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- The DFM together with the Department of the Corporation Counsel and the State Department of Health would need to establish a threshold for the next action to be taken.
- The DFM is faced with challenges, such as permitting and funding, before being able to remedy the situation. Funds from the City's Capital Improvement Project cannot be used since it is not City infrastructure.
- Permitting would be required for the removal of items, debris, and sediment, including pumping the water out, from the drainageway.

The Committee heard from area residents about their concerns relating to the lack of water flow through the Waterway and odor issues. Committee members shared similar situations at Kaelepulu Stream and at the Ala Wai Canal.

Committee Member Ozawa noted that as a temporary solution, there are native Hawaiian plants that could be planted in the Waterway to absorb pollutants.

Committee Chair Fukunaga acknowledged everyone's participation in the discussion and asked that the DFM provide updates to the Committee on their current research on pursuing enforcement action.

Related communication:

CC-38 Councilmember Manahan, submitting information about the maintenance dredging of Salt Lake Waterway Drainageways.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI  
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

May 18, 2016