

PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
JUNE 5, 2009

A regularly advertised hearing on **COUNTY COUNCIL'S BILL NO. 64 ON WINDWARD AND LEEWARD PLANNING COMMISSIONS** was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Aupuni Center Conference Room, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo, Hawai'i with Chairman Rell Woodward presiding.

PRESENT: Rell Woodward
Takashi Domingo
Wallace Ishibashi
Andrew Iwashita
Zendo Kern
Shelly Ogata

Brandon Gonzalez, Deputy Corporation Counsel
BJ Leithead Todd, Planning Director
Phyllis Fujimoto, Staff Planner
Jeff Darrow, Staff Planner
Maija Cottle, Staff Planner

And one person from the public in attendance

INITIATOR: COUNTY COUNCIL (BILL NO. 64)

Amendment to Chapters 23 (Subdivision Code) and 25 (Zoning Code) and other chapters of the Hawaii County Code to conform to the recent Charter Amendment creating the Leeward and Windward Planning Commissions.

WOODWARD: We're on Agenda Item No. 5, County Council initiated amendment to Chapters 23 and 25 and other chapters of the County Code to conform to the recent Charter Amendment creating two Planning Commissions. Maija.

COTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So basically this is a housekeeping amendment that was initiated by County Council to revise the County Code by replacing any reference to the one Planning Commission to now the Leeward and Windward Planning Commissions. And this particular request that's within the Planning Commission's authority to recommend a favorable or unfavorable recommendation on is just related to Chapters 23 and 25, which is the Subdivision and Zoning Codes. So the Planning Director is recommending a favorable recommendation be sent to the County Council for this bill. Are there any questions?

WOODWARD: Pretty exciting stuff, isn't it? All right, nobody signed up from the public testify so I would be willing to entertain a motion. Commissioner Domingo.

DOMINGO: Mr. Chairman, I move to send a favorable recommendation with regards to the changes as stipulated by the staff regarding both Planning Commissions.

OATA: Second.

WOODWARD: All right. It has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Okay, this could set a world record. All right, if you'll take the vote, Maija.

COTTLE: Thank you. Commissioner Domingo?

DOMINGO: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Ogata?

OGATA: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Ishibashi?

ISHIBASHI: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Kern?

KERN: Aye.

COTTLE: And Mr. Chairman?

WOODWARD: Aye.

COTTLE: Okay, the motion passes five to zero.

WOODWARD: All right. For the record, nobody from the public signed up to testify on this issue.

The discussion ended at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, Secretary
Windward Planning Commission