



COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE MAY 2015

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 26

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1 pm

Wednesday, May 27

Budget	9 am
Public Works	1 pm

Thursday, May 28

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30 pm

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Aloha,

The Council is nearing completion of its review process for the City's FY-16 annual operating and capital budgets. Over the past few months the Council has held numerous public meetings with the respective City departments and agencies as it reviews their requests for the 2016 fiscal year. At this point, it appears unlikely that there will be any change the residential property tax rate next year as the proposed FY-16 did not include any significant increases in discretionary spending. However, as we all know, some of the city's largest cost elements are non-discretionary; unfunded liabilities, energy expenses and debt service for mandated projects—to name a few.

Although the City has been making headway in reducing our unfunded liabilities we still have a ways to go and in coming years this expense item is expected to grow significantly. Unfortunately, this will require the City to find new ways to enhance revenue if we do not want to reduce current services.

Real Property Tax Legislative Package

To address future revenue concerns the Council, several years ago, established a Real Property Tax advisory commission. It was the Council's intent that by establishing an advisory commission comprised of private citizens with expertise in the areas of tax policy and finance they could make an objective review of the City's real property tax code and propose impartial recommendations to help ensure greater parity amongst the various groups of taxpayers.

The Council received the advisory commission's report in 2014 and recently a package of bills, based entirely on the commission's recommendations, was introduced. The Council's Budget Committee will be holding a special budget committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 12**, to hear these bills—along with the assorted bills that are the City's FY-16 budget. As these bills have only passed first reading, there is still a way to go before any of them are enacted into law and it is likely that we will see a number of changes as they move through the process. Both the committee agenda and the bills can be viewed online by visiting: <http://goo.gl/qPTi99>

Of course, one of the difficulties in undertaking changes to the City's tax code—or any government tax code—is that for every change made it has a ripple effect on other areas of the tax code. Then there is the political reality of trying to eliminate or reduce tax benefits; no individual or group wants to have to pay more taxes even if that increase is relatively nominal. If tax benefits aren't reduced for one group then another group is left to shoulder the burden. While it will be challenging, I believe that Council will be able to make the right decisions. *(continued)*

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As the bills in this package touch on nearly every group of property taxpayers I would strongly encourage you to take a look at the bills and submit testimony to the budget committee. If you have any questions about these bills, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I would be more than happy to assist you.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Part of the annual budget process includes identifying and securing funding for projects throughout the island. Below is summary of some projects in Kailua, Kaneohe, Waimanalo and Kahaluu that are currently funded or will receive funding in FY-16:

- Hamakua Drive Bikelane Improvements-design, construct bikeway improvements; \$800,000
- Lighting & Security Improvements at Kailua Municipal Parking Lot—\$75,000
- Kailua Road Force Main Improvements—\$2.5M
- Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall/Improvements/Rehabilitation \$602,000
- Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant-Tunnel Influent Pump Station & Headworks Facility—\$3.2M
- Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase 2—\$703,000
- Maunawilli Wastewater Treatment Pump Station, Force Main and Improvements—\$701,000
- Kailua Beach Park Pavillion Reconstruction—\$1M
- Kailua District Park parking lot repaving—\$459,000
- Kailua Beach Park Boat Ramp Parking lot repaving—\$459,000
- Traffic Improvement Projects (includes traffic improvement projects in Kailua, Kaneohe and Waimanalo) - \$259,000
- Windward Area Wastewater Pump Station Facilities Improvements-Plan and design improvements at various Windward Area wastewater pump station—\$301,000
- Ahuimanu Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Force Main-\$3,502,000
- Ahuimanu Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility Improvements and Equalization Facility-\$1,001,000
- Recreation District No. 4 Improvements-\$959,000 (Improvements to various parks in the district)
- Ahilama Bridge Replacement-\$500,000

LANIKAI PARKING CONCERNS

In a continuing effort by our office and the Department of Transportation Services, parking restrictions will be implemented over Memorial Day Weekend with the City deploying barricades to help alleviate the parking situation in Lanikai. Also, the Department of Transportation Services will be using this weekend to monitor and document the positive effect of removing parking on the bike lane side of the loop.

Mahalo,

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ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island. Please visit the following website:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc_docs/Street_List_Web_Layout_Report_20140909.pdf

It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!