The Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., at the Mission Memorial Conference Room, 550 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Chair Challacombe presided.

COMMISIONERES PRESENT: Arthur D. Challacombe, Chair
Cord D. Anderson, Vice Chair
Steve S. C. Lim
Gifford K. F. Chang
[departed at 3:05 p.m.]
Aki Marceau
Brian Lee

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Ken K. Hayashida
[prior notice given]
Theresia C. McMurdo
[prior notice given]
Arthur B. Tolentino
[prior notice given]

DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Mele Coleman
(Advisory to the Commission)

COMMISSION STAFF: Gloria Takara
Secretary-Hearings Reporter

DPP REPRESENTATIVES: Katia Balassiano, Land Use Permits Division Chief
Alex Beatty, Zoning Regulations Permits Branch, Staff Planner
Harrison Rue, Transit-Oriented Development Administrator
CALL TO ORDER:

[00:00]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

[00:46]

1) The minutes of the August 27, 2019 Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL) meeting, as previously circulated, to be approved by the Commission.
   [Rescheduled from November 13, 2019]

2) The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting, as previously circulated, to be approved by the Commission.

[00:48]

Approval of minutes of the August 27, 2019 Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL) contested case hearing was deferred to the next available meeting.

[01:18]

[It was moved by Lee and seconded by G. Chang that the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting, as previously circulated, to be approved by the Commission. Motion was unanimously carried, 6:0.]

[01:35]

PUBLIC HEARING

A REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1990, AS AMENDED (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

The Department of Planning and Permitting (“DPP”) is proposing a Bill to revise Chapter 21 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended (“ROH”), also known as the Land Use Ordinance (“LUO”). Specifically, the proposed Bill repeals Article 6 of the LUO (Off-street Parking and Loading) and replaces it with a version that introduces new text and significantly reorganizes existing text so that provisions related to off-street parking and loading are all in one place (i.e., Article 6). The proposed Bill also proposes changes to Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10, to eliminate duplication and language that conflicts with the edits proposed in Article 6.

The primary purpose of the proposed Bill is to update the aspects of the LUO pertaining to off-street parking and loading to enhance consistency with the plans, policies, and other ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu (“City”).

Among other things, the proposed amendments address future parking needs; promote better design; encourage the use of alternative transportation means such as bicycle, mass transit, car sharing, ride hailing, and walking; implement the goals of “vision zero” (strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries); increase future rail ridership; and, allow for the development of a diversified and sustainable transportation network that is less reliant on single-occupancy vehicles.
Chair Challacombe read into the record the following names who submitted written testimonies and/or questions and suggestions to the Planning Commission:
1) G70 - supports;
2) C&C of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency - supports;
3) C&C of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services - supports;
4) Ulupono Initiative - supports;
5) NACTO, National Association of City Transportation Officials – supports;
6) William A. Brizee, for members of AIA Honolulu – questions/suggestions; and
7) Blue Planet Foundation - supports

Disclosure by member Aki Marceau

Katia Balassiano, Land Use Permits Division Chief
Alex Beatty, Staff Planner, Zoning Regulations Permits Branch Chief
[PowerPoint Presentation]

Questioning by Commissioners

Registered Public Testifiers:

1) [50:34 – 56:36] Joshua Stanbro, Executive Director and Chief Resilience Officer
   [56:55 – 01:01:56] Questioning by Commissioners


3) [01:14:54 – 01:16:15] Tracy Camuso, AICP Associate, Senior Planner, G70

4) [01:16:41 – 01:20:21] Bill Brizee, for members of AIA Honolulu
   [01:20:22 – 01:23:01] Questioning by Commissioners


[01:25:12] (At 3:00 p.m., Chair Challacombe called for a recess)

Note: During recess, member Gifford Chang departed the meeting

[00:38] bangs gavel (At 3:07 p.m., Chair Challacombe reconvened the meeting)

Chair Challacombe called DPP back up to respond/summarize Keith Kurahashi of R.M. Towill Corporation’s recommendations

[07:14 – 20:22] Questioning by Commissioners

Harrison Rue, Transit-Oriented Development Administrator

[23:48 – 29:43] Questioning by Commissioners

[29:57] Public hearing closed

[30:00 – 44:18] Discussion
[46:52 – 47:37] Vice Chair Anderson called Katia Balassiano back up for clarification on R.M. Towill Corp's recommendations

[49:45]

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lee that request for amendment to Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of 1990, as amended (The Land Use Ordinance), relating to off-street parking and loading as proposed by DPP be approved with the following amendments as agreed by DPP to the December 11, 2019 letter from R.M. Towill Corporation: Item No. 1, merging Commercial 1, Commercial 2 with the standard of one vehicle per 500 square feet; Item No. 5, with simplified language which just revises the distance to ½-mile (2,680 feet) instead of the one-quarter and not add the additional language regarding employees, special events attendees and construction workers; Items No. 7, 9, 10, and 11. The Commission also suggested that the City Council consider compact and standard stalls width and adjusting the size whether it’s 6 inches or something they feel is palatable. Also to review the column encroachment of 6 inches and whether the column is striped or encroaches a less symmetry. The Planning Commission also recommended that the City Council have further discussion on unbundled parking. Motion was carried, 5:0:1; Commissioner G. Chang not present.

[52:42]
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

[53:03]

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lee that the officers of the Planning Commission remain the same as it currently is (Chair Arthur D. Challacombe and Vice Chair Cord Anderson). Motion was carried, 5:0:1; Commissioner G. Chang not present.

[53:36]
ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Challacombe at approximately 3:50 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct written summary of the proceedings, prepared to the best of my ability, of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

Gloria Takara
Secretary-Hearings Reporter
Planning Commission