

**Questions from the
City Council Meeting on April 21, 2005
Relating to the FY 05 Operating Budget
Bill 12 (2005), CD1**

Transportation Services

GO:

1. Please research the impact of the elimination of \$160,000 in CDBG funds from the Bus operations.
2. What is the downside, impact from the federal regulations?
3. Will this hamper our future use of Federal funds for this purpose?

Budget & Fiscal Services

BM:

1. How do you plan to pay for the additional \$85,000 for the removal of trees requested for Parks?
2. Provide your response by Monday to the Budget Committee.

RC:

1. What cuts in the budget can the Administration agree to?
2. Is there a way to reduce the budget?

Customer Services

AK:

1. How will you pay for the rest of the amount due on the Mayor's book?

RC:

1. Thirty nine FTE positions are listed for Public Communications. How many people are in each branch of Public Communication?
2. How does this compare with the previous administration?
3. Provide information on employees in each branch and what they do.
4. Any way to restructure and tighten the belt?
5. What do the 92 positions in Satellite City Hall do?
6. Do you need all of them?
7. What do the 169 positions in Motor Vehicles and Licensing do?
8. Do you really need the entire number?

AK:

1. If you only have 19 people in Public Communication, do you need the full amount of the salary budget requested?

RT:

1. Provide an accounting for the funds of the past Administration's expenditures.

2. What are the future plans in financial needs of the current administration.

AK:

1. How many man hours did Public Communications spend on the book?
2. Who wrote the book?
3. Provide a copy of the marketing plan for the book.

GO:

1. How much money do we expect for the book?
2. When will you be receiving any monies for the book?
3. How will you be receiving the monies?
4. How will the monies be used to pay for the bills?

Neighborhood Commission

RC:

1. Provide a breakdown of the 17 positions in your agency.
2. If you reschedule the neighborhood board meetings over five days, would you need less Neighborhood Assistants to cover the meetings?
3. Can you restructure the system to save money?

Information Technology

RC:

1. Provide an explanation of the divisions in your department.

Parks and Recreation

AK:

1. Provide information on the amount needed to rent the storage space.

BM:

1. What is the amount being paid for security at Haiku Stairs?
2. How long will this continue?

AK: Questions on the Status of Budget Provisos

Managing Director

1. What is the remaining amount of the \$75,000 budgeted for the Centennial Commission in FY 05? (Culture and Arts)
2. The budget proviso requires that the Administration submit a detailed program plan and budget to the Council prior to the expenditure of funds for 100th anniversary celebration for the City and County of Honolulu. No expenditure request came to the Council for approval. What is the status of the proviso? (Culture and Arts)
3. Provide an explanation of the expenditure of funds set aside for the Mayor's inauguration. (Mayor's Contingency Fund)
4. Were events held or planned for Sunset on the Beach in the areas specified? (City Management)

5. Budget proviso specifies that no monies for Downtown/Chinatown marketing shall be expended until the administration receives input from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Street Business Improvement District and the United Chinese Society. What is the status? (City Management)

Facilities Maintenance

1. Was \$50,000 for the maintenance of Chinatown and the Waikiki security cameras been spent for that purpose and is the maintenance ongoing? (Public Building and Electrical Maintenance)
2. Regarding the DFM provisos for vacant funded positions on pages 9 & 10 of the FY05 Operating Budget Ordinance—were monies used to fund those positions?

Environmental Services

1. Regarding the proviso on curbside recycling that no monies shall be expended for the island wide curbside recycling program unless none of the parties awarded a contract funded by the recycling program have had any violations issued by federal, state or city agencies in the year preceeding the issuance of the contract—is this being followed?
2. What about the proviso that at least two months prior to implementation of the recycling program, the administration conducts an education program—is this being followed?
3. What about the provisos on the funding for vacant positions on pages 10 and 11 of the FY05 Operating Budget Ordinance—are these being followed?