



Regular Monthly Meeting  
 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
 Mayors' Council Conference Room  
 Hagåtña, Guam

**MINUTES**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
* CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LUJAN, Doris F.	Mayor	Inarajan
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofofo
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<b>O</b> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<b>O</b> GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
<b>O</b> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<b>O</b> QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
<b>O</b> RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
<b>O</b> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<b>O</b> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon

**O = ABSENT      \* = LATE      \*\* = OFF ISLAND      R = REPRESENTATIVE**

**Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Angel R. Sablan  
 Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
 Recording Secretary

III. **RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

IV. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of March 7, 2018 – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane.**

In discussion, Mayor Hofmann queried if money had been deposited for the grass cutting. ED stated there is none for FY 2018.

**No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

V. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting April 18, 2018**

- a. Elaine Eclavea, Facilitator, CEDDERS, UOG **Requested to move to May**  
Learn The Signs Act Early (LTSAE)
- b. Erika Cruz, Deputy Superintendent, GDOE  
Redistricting
- c. David L. Snyder, Public Access Program Coordinator, USN  
Breadfruit and Ifit Trees
- d. Yvette C. Paulino, PhD, CPH, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, UOG  
Pacific Islands Cohort on Cardiometabolic Health (PICCAH) Study

**Mayor Jesse Alig made the motion to approve requests *c*, *b*, and *d*, in that order for April and *a* in May and seconded by Mayor Robert Hofmann.**

In discussion, Mayor Melissa Savares clarified with Erika Cruz, at that point redistricting would be done by the *Board* and knew that they were calling the individual mayors that were affected so the *Grass Maintenance of Schools* would only be discussed and other things.

**No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

2. **Communications**

a. **KONFERENCIA MEETING** – ED reported an initial meeting of *Konferensian Dinan'na Islas Marianas* he and Greg Calvo attended in Saipan last week Thursday. ED said among those in attendance were Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos, Mayor David Apatang, Kelly Tenorio, and William Torres. They have committed to reviving it sometime in June after Father's Day and would be giving the Mayors' Council an official letter of invitation. A hundred people were asked to attend; 50 from the CNMI and 50 from Guam. Meetings would be held every Thursdays in Saipan with the possibility of having one on Guam to explain what they've done so far. A small runway has been made and a meeting place is set up in Pagan and are now just trying to get all the other logistics done. For those that cannot stand the sixteen (16) hour boat ride from Saipan to Pagan, they would try and charter Arctic Circle and Star Marianas.

ED expressed that the information the Mayors' Council had during Mayor Aldan's time, Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos said he would take it; he may use some of it but he's having his people put this together. They are working with the Bank of Guam in Saipan and the mayor of Saipan is going to ask the government to get involve through their casino funds to be able to support this. They are looking at a budget of \$30K.

The tug boat, Cabras Marine, would be from Saipan to Pagan, not from Guam. Mayors from Guam who are interested must be able to be responsible for the fare from Guam to Saipan. This is only for two (2) days.

b. **GSA FUEL CARDS HOURS OF OPERATION** – ED reported a circular for the entire Government of Guam that you could gas official vehicles only on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mayor Jesse Alig stated that he did not read the circular that way but rather to pick up fuel cards from the GSA location and requested clarification. ED gave clarification from an email received from GSA that the circular does not apply to the Shell service station hours of operation only to GSA and said Mayor Alig's interpretation was correct.

c. **VILLAGE SANITATION COMPLAINTS** – ED reported instead of Department of Public Health Division of Environmental Health tending to complaints, they are asking the respective village mayor to address and resolve because they want to concentrate on conducting sanitation inspections. Mayor Savares said her office cited the law to residents who have chickens in their yard. She said she does not have a citation booklet; she refers issues to public health and wanted to know if issues be referred to EPA. ED said to take the complaint, help out, and document them.

d. **SKIP ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY** – ED announced their letter of request for sponsorship if mayors and vice mayors want to entertain it, which is included in their packet.

e. **AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 234-34** – ED reported Senator Biscoe-Lee made her presentation during the March Special Monthly meeting regarding the automatic voter registration. The senator sent a letter to Council yesterday of an amendment to her bill which she would ask her colleagues to amend before the bill moves to the floor. Copies provided to mayors and vice mayors and is included in their packet.

f. **RESOLUTION FROM MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, BENGUET** – To the Mayors' Council of Guam and to those involved in hosting the group when they were in Guam in December 2017.

g. **NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS** – ED reminded Council members who have festivals to submit their reports within the thirty (30) days as mandated BY P.L. 30-68.

h. **FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS QUARTERLY REPORT** – ED reminded Council members of the reporting requirements that their administrative assistants know about and asked that they have them prepared and submitted to Council so that it could be compiled and submitted to the Legislature as required by law.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY FINAL REPORT** – Chairman, Mayor Jesse Blas said it is completed and ready for submission and was supposed to turn in yesterday but will submit the report later.

b. **2018 LIBERATION** – *QUEEN'S* – Chairperson, Mayor Melissa Savares reported a revision was made with the registration packet where profit after everything is cleared, would go to the sponsor.

Chair said this is a call out for candidates. Committee members also talked with the *cabinet* to see if they could also do a callout since it is the governor's last year and reminded them that proceeds from the fundraising sales would go to the First Lady's organization of choice. The registration packet was emailed to all District offices.

*PARADE* – Mayor Jesse Blas asked the Body if another mayor could chair the committee. Mayor said he knew he was nominated but if another mayor could take the lead and chair this year's parade. *President* asked Mayor Kevin Susuico if he could chair; mayor said he would think about it. Pending the acceptance of Mayor Susuico.

*CARNIVAL* – *President* asked the Body if anyone was interested to chair in case Council received a response from the Legislature and the Governor's Office.

ED communicated that on the law on Liberation, there is a Guam Island Fair and a Liberation Day Carnival; it is either one or the other. The Mayors' Council is authorized and requested, as it says in the law, to appoint a Guam Island Fair committee if we wanted to. If we don't want to, then we are also authorized to ask any other civic organization to sponsor a Liberation Carnival; it won't be a Guam Island Fair. If it doesn't happen in Paseo then another organization can do their own carnival someplace else. If the Mayors' Council of Guam does not want to do it then there is not a Guam Island Fair but a Liberation Day Carnival. He said the Council could put this out and if there is no response by April 30 then at least we would know there won't be anything in May or June as far as Liberation is concerned. If we are going to have it because the people are asking that we do have one then it can only be shortened probably in the month of July only from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>; seventeen (17) days or two weeks. The Mayors' Council is the only one that expanded this from 30 days to 45 days to 60 days to 70 days and so if we don't have the funds to operate this, and we already made the commitment that we're not going to accept any government funds. We could put out an announcement and ask some other entity to pick this up and run with it. ED said there were organizations, event coordinators, that have called to see whether or not we can appoint them or work with them to operate the Liberation but the bottom line is they wanted to be paid and the MCOG cannot pay anybody to coordinate this event unless they raise their own funds and pay themselves. He said it is too late already for the carnival to start at the end of May.

Mayor Melissa Savares said she heard on the radio this morning on the *Ray Gibson* show with Oyaol Ngirairikl Communications Officer with the Office of the Governor that the governor is putting a committee together of different agencies and are reviewing different activities that they could have for at least the week of Liberation.

For the benefit of the media who were present at today's Regular Monthly meeting, ED announced that the Mayors' Council of Guam would sponsor the *Queens, Memorials, Raffle, and Parade*. The Mayors' Council would issue out a request to different organizations to see if they want to take on the *Carnival*. If there are no responses by April 30, the Mayors' Council would have to come back together and decide the duration of the *Carnival*.

Mayor Robert Hofmann stated that he just got the theme from the Governor's Office: *Strengthening the Spirit of Guam* and he would send out a memo. Mayor Jesse Alig said he doesn't think anyone should send out a memo and [expressed that anything that comes from the Council as a whole should come from the president himself or the executive director. *President* asked the Body if they understood and he agreed. Mayor Robert Hofmann said it was an email from ED that was sent out on the 21<sup>st</sup> and he was just following up on it.

*Treasurer*, Mayor Jesse Alig stated that although there was a motion made during the February Regular Monthly meeting to make a deposit of \$5,000 for fireworks, tickets alone for the *Raffle* was \$4,000 so there was less than \$3,000 left in the Liberation account. Mayor said the initial invoice that he saw was \$10,000 total now Council is looking at \$25,000 for fireworks and there are no funds to pay for any of this but he would like to let the vendor know, in writing, the deposit amount to be made. *President* requested clarification if the deposit amount was for Liberation and village festivals. ED expressed that this would be just for Liberation because the villages were being asked to provide their own deposits. ED said this is a *package*; Jeff San Nicolas is bringing the fireworks all at one time. Mayor Jesse Blas, Mayor Allan Ungacta, and Mayor Kevin Susuico agreed that this should be considered with all the deposits that were already made by those mayors. *President* asked for a show of hands who made deposits because with that amount it should have been enough to cover the \$5,000 deposit. *President* asked ED to clarify that with Mr. San Nicolas

At the recommendation from Mayor Robert Hofmann to not have fireworks on July 4, *President* said it would be appropriate because Council couldn't afford it. ED said the cost and timeframe for the fireworks display could be reduced from the \$25,000. *Treasurer* said he doesn't want to zero out the Liberation account.

*President* said if the Governor's Office is going to have the *Carnival* to let them pay for it, too. *Treasurer* wanted the Body's thoughts how to move forward with this because he doesn't think Council should accept the \$25,000 because there is no money.

Mayor Melissa Savares gave recommendation to use money from the mayors' *dues* account. Mayor Allan Ungacta stated no fireworks for July 4. **Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to use money from the *Dues* account to pay the \$5,000 deposit on fireworks for July 21 and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta.** In discussion, ED said the motion should be amended to "add that the \$5,000 would go towards whatever is the final amount of the fireworks whether it be \$5,000, \$10,000 or another \$15,000." Mayor Melissa Savares and Mayor June Blas expressed that it would come out of the ticket sales. *President* made an announcement that the motion is to include whatever the cost is. Mayor Robert Hofmann stated it's \$5,000 towards it and then negotiate a contract because it's not an RFP it's an RFQ that Council got and we got every right to sit down and negotiate. ***President* announced "that's the motion that Mayor Hofmann had just stated".**

*Treasurer* stated that he supported the motion but it should be capped and colleagues be cognitive of the amount of money Council would be spending because we're taking the money that's not from the *Liberation* account and we don't even know how much money would be made from Liberation. *Treasurer* said we can plan for Liberation and make it memorable without having to spend useless amount of money.

Mayor Kevin Susuico said it doesn't sit well with him about the types of shells. Mayor Robert Hofmann said there is a significant difference. *President* asked that Mayors Susuico and Hofmann get together.

Mayor Melissa Savares made clarification that the concern the *Treasurer* had was that he needed to have a sole source and he did find another vendor that also does the same thing. As long as we have the right quotes, it's a licensed vendor, all paperwork are in order, she felt the Council could move forward. **Mayor Robert Hofmann amended Mayor Rudy Matanane's motion that the \$5,000 is a loan from the *Dues* to the Liberation committee paying a deposit for the purposes for the fireworks and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta.** In discussion, Mayor Melissa Savares said the *Queens* committee would take it as a loan. ***President* called for a vote by show of hands for the amendment. *President* called for a vote on the main motion by show of hands.**

c. **EPA RECYCLING FUND** – Mayor Robert Hofmann made query on the status. ED reported that by now Districts have gotten their purchase orders on *Abandoned Vehicles*, *White Goods*, and *vendor to help haul vehicles* to Pyramid and Global Recycling would be

working with the tires, loose metals, and batteries. The purchase order for batteries would be a much smaller amount. Another purchase order would be given out to the Districts for another group to haul these items. This should be ready by Monday. He said it's important that District reports, whether it be vehicles that were turned in or white goods and not just from the vendors but also JJ's, 4J's, or Pablo be submitted to Council every Friday starting April 6 because these reports are to be compiled and submitted to EPA.

d. **REVENUE AND REDUCTION** – Since the governor's office asked all agencies for a spending plan, Mayor Robert Hofmann queried what it affected with Council. ED said it didn't affect any of the District offices; it was taken out of central operations.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – No reports.
2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Agat Mayor Kevin Susuico requested assistance from the different mayors offices for mules they could utilize and mangoes for Agat's Mango Festival.
- Agat Mango Festival 5K is Saturday, May 19 and the Festival on May 25-27. A group of visitors with Agat sister-cities from Sablan, Benguet and Buena Vista, Guimaras would be coming in; there are twelve in each group. Agat sister-city Tinian will be sending their Manåmko and their dancing group.
- Agat Mayor Kevin Susuico said Benguet governor's wife, First Lady and the different first ladies would be joining in for Liberation festivities; there would be 18 of them.
- ED made announcement to the Body who weren't aware yet, that Council took over the Case Management Services Program, In-Home Services Program, and Adult Day Care Program effective Monday, April 2. The offices for these three programs are being housed at Division of Senior Citizens, Mangilao. Council carried over almost all of the employees from Catholic Social Services. Council has not hired new employees.
- District offices interested in a Disaster Assessment Training with American Red Cross to call Mayor Melissa Savares. She could arrangements by region for the Districts. It is a 4-hour training. She said she does not recommend maintenance workers or clerks for the Disaster Tier II Shelter Management Training but this helps process and expedite the services that gets back to the families that are affected. If interested, mayor would coordinate it with Dave Peredo.
- Today's luncheon hosted by **Talofoto Mayor's Office**.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

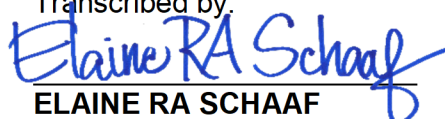
The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Attested by:



**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



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# ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting:  Regular  Special

CTO 10:15 a.m.  
A 11:25 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/3	<i>[Signature]</i>
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	<i>[Signature]</i>
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	<i>[Signature]</i>
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
BLAS, Jesse M.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	<i>[Signature]</i>
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	<i>[Signature]</i>
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	<i>[Signature]</i>
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	<i>[Signature]</i>
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IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	<i>[Signature]</i>
LUJAN, Doris F.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	<i>[Signature]</i>
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MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Umatac	828-2940/8258	
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	<i>[Signature]</i>
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
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SUSUICO, Kevin JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofofo	789-1421/3262/4821	<i>[Signature]</i>
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		<i>[Signature]</i>
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
<i>Kevin Tano</i>	<i>PDA</i>	<i>493-0434</i>	
<i>Dan Guerrero</i>	<i>JRM</i>	<i>349-1070</i>	
<i>Alana Chargualaf</i>	<i>The Guam Daily Post</i>	<i>747-1643</i>	
<i>Carmon Ferraz</i>	<i>KUAM</i>	<i>747-0489</i>	