



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:14 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
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
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
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofofo
<input type="radio"/> BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
<input type="radio"/> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<input type="radio"/> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<input type="radio"/> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<input type="radio"/> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
<input type="radio"/> UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

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

Twenty (20) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Angel R. Sablan
 Elaine Schaaf

Executive Director
 Recording Secretary

III. **RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

IV. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** Minutes of January 6, 2017 – **Mayor Doris Lujan made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas Duenas. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – *Treasurer* reported that there were only two (2) initial membership dues of \$100 submitted. He gave reminder to make the payment. **Vice Mayor Frank Benavente made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

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

1. **Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting February 15, 2017**

- a. Doris Aguon, Executive Director, Serve Guam Commission **APPROVED 1/6/17**
Introduction of SCG & AmeriCorps programs
- b. Mike J.B. Borja, Director, Dept. of Land Management
Hybrid Commission
- c. Josephine M.P. Blas, President, Autism Community Together
Autism Awareness Month in April – “*Light It Blue*”
- d. Kinsey McFadden, Pacific Island Health Officers Association
Zika Virus
- e. Ben Servino, Director, DISID
Accessible Parking Requirements

Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista made the motion to approve the requests for audience and seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Executive Officers courtesy meeting with oversight chair Senator Michael San Nicolas.**
 - Senator would look into changing the latest (2009) Road Pavement Inventory to population-wise
 - Introduced Bill No. 29-34 requiring all fiesta Games of Chance within the jurisdiction of your village. If this bill goes through he would appropriate an additional amount up to \$4000-\$5000 per village to cover whatever losses from having your Games of Chance.
 - Senator would work with Senator Telena Nelson to ensure the mayors would continue to get funding for *Recycling*.
 - A proposal to put the *Tipping Fees* in the property tax instead of having residents pay for it monthly.
 - A proposal to change the time of the *Mayoral Inauguration*.
 - Look into projects completed by GWA that have been on the books for many years, villages still suffer from water lines that have not been improved but yet been identified by the bonds.
 - Senator offered the use of the old administration area for Liberation because it is under the jurisdiction of the Legislature of which he has oversight of those areas.

- Would work with the mayor of Hagatña to raise revenue for the capital by including a provision to charge an additional amount for visiting tourist sites in Hagatña with the possibility to expand in other areas of the island for park area maintenance by charging tourists a fee of \$4 per head by the Guam Airport Authority for those getting on busses to their hotels.
 - On Council's fiscal year budget, there may be additional requests for funding this year from Districts; no promises, Council would put it in, it's on the record; if it's acted on, it's acted on, if it's not, at least we tried.
 - There is nothing in the law that Districts' could only have five personnel, but the law does say you could hire if you have the funds to hire. The *Officers* asked Senator to look at Council's personnel appropriations to see if it could be raised where some of the larger villages could obtain personnel.
 - Senator suggested looking into the way Council's personnel are charged for retirement and look into the *Social Security System* because it would be substantially less than being in the retirement *Defined Contribution* plan, which would free up some of Council's funds to be able to hire more personnel.
 - Senator looked forward attending meetings and looked forward meeting and getting ideas from all the mayors.
 - Senator would be introducing several bills soon that involve getting more funding for the Mayors' Council and perhaps reprogramming some funds, especially the *Recycling Revolving Fund* that was taken away and felt it should be given back and he had an idea of taking it away from GEPA and put the entire *Fund* under the MCOG.
 - Relative to the pay raise issue, Senator said he hadn't put out Bill No. 11 he introduced for a public hearing because he wanted to see what happens to Bill No. 4, which was introduced by Senator Aguon and conveyed that he does not feel that bill would pass and if the bill passed, he would withdraw Bill No. 11 and instead go for a voter initiative and that the Council would come forward and support him.
 - The *Officers* informed Senator San Nicolas that Council would come up with a resolution to oppose all bills that has to do with repealing pay raises.
 - Senator would look into a mechanism whereby the mayors could certify that district personnel did perform in a hazardous environment or condition and have them paid.
- b. **Customs & Quarantine Agency**, 2017 19th Oceania Customs Organization Conference; Request for Sponsorship to host a "*Meet & Greet*", Monday, May 1, 2017
- c. **1st Annual Rota Chamorro Festival (Chamfest)** – ED reported the request for assistance is to sponsor four or five children from Guam selected by the GDOE Chamorro Language Division. This sponsorship may include hosting for their food and lodging.
- d. **Donald Seery, PR Services** – Seeking assistance identifying manamko in the villages to showcase them in his new book.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **REVOLVING RECYCLING FUND** – ED reported that the Governor had asked that these recycling companies be paid. Global Recycling owner Mr. Daniel Chu received a call from GuamEPA 'to start accepting stuff from the Mayors' Council because a check was prepared for him but had not received it. Governor's representative, former senator Tony Ada would look into it.

b. **SELECTION OF NEW MCOG LOGO** – Mayor Robert Hofmann reported awaiting for American Printing and Ariel Dimalanta to do the changes from what mayors wanted from last month's Regular Monthly meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM** - As previously discussed under Communications, ED expressed obtaining more information, have a separate meeting and discuss it where everybody understands the ramifications of opting out for either.

2. **MCOG RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM OPPOSING ATTEMPTS TO ROLL BACK SALARIES OF PUBLIC LEADERS, INCLUDING THOSE CREATED BY PUBLIC LAW 32-136, AN ACT TO PRIORITIZE THE FUNDING OF THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BY SETTING THE SALARIES OF I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN, I SEGUNDU NA MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN, THE SENATORS OF I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM, THE PUBLIC AUDITOR OF GUAM, AND THE APPOINTED HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO OCTOBER 1, 2013 SALARY RATES; AND 32-208, AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 32-136 AND SET SALARY RATES PURSUANT TO THE COMPETITIVE WAGE ACT OF 2014** – Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to approve the *Resolution* and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **AMIM RESOLUTION; COMMUTER TERMINAL** – *President* stated that he had asked Mr. James Castro, a researcher and writer for the Barrigada Mayor's Office to look into the resolution AMIM members had passed several years ago. There is a big inconvenience when travelling to and from the CNMI. Mayor Melissa Savares explained that Arctic Air and Star Marianas are the two airline companies that utilize the terminal. The reason why Cape Air, under the United Airlines banner, continues to be in the main terminal is for the purpose of medical referrals, especially stretcher patients, departing and arriving. Mayor Gogue queried how we could get other airlines to compete with United Air to lower the airfare as well as providing a traveler options to fly other airlines to CNMI. *President* thanked Mr. Castro for accepting the task.

X COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Boards and Commissions** – *President* announced that there are still available openings if interested. Mayor asked to review them and to submit their names to the Council.

Relative to Council's representation to the Guam Education Policy Board (Ex-Officio member), *President* asked John Paul Manuel, representative to Council's oversight chair Senator Michael San Nicolas to look into becoming a voting member.

2. MCOG Standing Committees –

LIBERATION FESTIVITIES – Chairman Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte not in attendance. No report. ED said we would ask the chair to set up an initial meeting to establish committees.

- **PARADE – Chairman Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte / Co-Chairman Mayor Jesse Blas**
No report.
- **QUEEN'S – Mayor Louise Rivera** volunteered to chair and will prepare the *Call Out* and packets. There will be full representation from all 19 Districts.

EMPLOYEE PICNIC CHAIRPERSON – Chairman Mayor Rudy Matanane/Co-chair Mayor Allan Ungacta. Mayor Matanane reported waiting for approval from AAFB to utilize *Serena Beach* in November. *President* said to work with Joleen Castro.

MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY – Chairman Mayor Jesse M. Blas reported having a first meeting with Co-chair Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista and have started soliciting for a vendor. Mayor Blas asked full participation from all the districts and the committee is thinking of taking away raffling. The committee would report later on a set date for the party.

GAMING ACTIVITIES DURING VILLAGE FIESTAS/FESTIVALS – ED reported oversight chair Senator Mike San Nicolas would introduce a bill called *Buyer Beware* so that vendors don't have to go through the requirements with Public Health, Fire Dept., and Public Works. John Paul Manuel, representative to Council's oversight chair Senator Michael San Nicolas said his office started the research and looked at a law in the state of Ohio called the *Cottage Industry Law* where if it does not involve meat then it is allowed with no sanitary permit and just have a *Buyer Beware* sign.

AUTHORIZE USE OF RED LIGHTS – GPD Chief Joseph Cruz expressed that the only issue from the prospective of the GPD is training which would be given by the Highway Patrol Division on how to respond code so that the mayors' and staff could use the lights. The fire chief has a big issue with the red light because red is traditionally fire and blue is traditionally police but his perspective was not so much that mayors are using red or blue lights, the issue was the unsafe execution of funeral escorts in the intersection. What the fire chief is asking is to come up with a system whether it is a yellow or red light but more importantly provide the training so that from a liability point of view, there would be no issues.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chita Blaise with American Red Cross invited all mayors and vice mayors to the Proclamation Signing on 3:15 p.m., Friday, March 3 at Governor's Complex.
- Volunteers in the community that would like to be trained as a Red Cross volunteer please refer them to Mayor Melissa Savares.
- Mayor Robert Hofmann is trying to get together those villages affected by the GVB contract that have routed roads to meet with the new vendor for the grass cutting of the roadsides to be aware of the what the parameters are, when and how often the vendor would cut.
- ED reported all Council members passed the drug testing.
- Elaine Schaaf would disseminate certificates of the Ethics Course mayors and vice mayors attended on Friday, February 24 facilitated by Dr. Judith Guthertz. Mayor Hofmann would provide a copy of his certificate.
- Today's luncheon hosted by **Agat Mayor's Office**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rudy Matanane motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Attested by:

Transcribed by:



MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Council Executive Secretary
16th Mayors' Council of Guam



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration





ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTD-10:14am
A-11:39am
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Type of Meeting: Regular [] Special [] Officers

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/3	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie Perez	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Frank A. Benavente	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, Jesse M.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy "Jess" C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert R.D.C.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LUJAN, Doris Flores	Inarajan	475-2509-11	
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
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	
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofof	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
URIAH BAKER	MCAG		
James P. Cast.	Barrigada - MPC		
Joseph I. Cruz	GPD	685-4567	
Tony ADA	Governor's Office	475-9473	
TAVEN CASTRO	Anderson	888-0872	
JOHN PAUL MANUEL	Office of Sen. Son Nicolas	472-6453	