



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
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
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	Talofoto
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
<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

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 RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

- IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of February 7, 2018 – **Mayor Louise Rivera 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 Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting March 21, 2018

- a. Senator Regine Biscoe Lee
Bill 234-34 Automatic Voter Registration
- b. Selena Onedera-Salas, Inetnon Gefpa'go Cultural Arts Program, Inc
3rd International Folkdance Festival
- c. Elaine Eclavea, Facilitator, CEDDERS, UOG **Requested to move to April**
Learn The Signs Act Early (LTSAE)
- d. Paciano Gumataotao, Guam Election Commission
Motor Voter Registration and potential automatic Voter Registration
- e. Eileen Namelo, Project Director, Micronesia Resource Center One-Stop Shop
Program Overview

Requests *a, b, and c* were on the February Regular Monthly meeting agenda and moved to March due to the many requests for presentations. Mayor Melissa Savares queried if requestor *d* and *a* would speak of the same subject, if so to combine them

Mayor Jesse Alig made the motion to approve requests *a, d, b, and e* in that order and calendar *c* to April and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

2. Communications

a. **COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION (COFA)** – ED reported a request to meet with mayors requested by April Manibusan with Bureau of Statistics and Plans to discuss enumeration of qualified non-immigrants from the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap), Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Because this is a time sensitive deadline, the meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. today, March 7 at MCOG conference room.

b. **GOVERNOR'S E.O. NO. 2018-04** – Relative to amending E.O. No. 2018-03 and to implement a 32-hour work week for the entire Executive Branch. ED reported that the governor had started the 90-day timeframe effective March 2 for the 32-hour work week. The E.O. and Appendix H of the DOA Personnel Rules and Regulations are included in each mayors' packet at today's meeting. Mayor Vicente Taitague made query of part-time employees. ED responded that if this goes into place there would be no part-time employees; they would be the first to go.

c. **E-MAIL FROM SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** – ED reported and included on record, an e-mail message received from the principal sent to Council Executive

Officers of an apology and a pat-on-the-back to Mayor Dale Alvarez. Copies of the e-mail message was included in mayors' packets.

d. **MCOG FY 2019 BUDGET** – ED reported submittal of Council's budget request yesterday, March 6. It was a reduced budget because we were not authorized to increase it. One of the things mentioned in the cover letter to the speaker was that although we included the status quo of \$481K for the grass cutting, at the public hearing ED would testify that it be reverted back to Guam Dept. of Education and that mayors would be no longer be responsible for grass cutting or maintenance.

Council's budget is lower by over \$900K from last year. The IWBP, SMBOMO, PSSP remain status quo but we would have to find ways to somewhere else like utilities, in contractual, even the requests for AMIM and the President's Contingency Fund may be deleted depending on the Legislature. When the time comes for Council's public hearing then that is when we would come forward and defend our budget or ask to add more. There are no additional personnel.

Council asked money for maintenance for senior centers; it was asked for this last year but was not given. The money that MCOG receives from Division of Senior Citizens is almost entirely for personnel.

e. **ADULT DAY CARE (ADC)** – ED reported Council would assume the ADC on April 1. Catholic Social Services is terminating the contract March 31 and DPHSS needs an entity to be able to carry on. DPHSS put out a RFP for a new vendor but because it cannot be done before the end of this month, they have asked the MCOG to at least oversee it with the help of Division of Senior Citizens for a couple of months. The Yigo and Inarajan ADC will remain the same. The only possible change of location is Barrigada; they are looking at the Macheche Community Center to rent. Art San Agustin is in contact with Mayor Melissa Savares about the use of the center. ADC employees had been communicated; they could stay on-board but they would have to go to the whole GovGuam process; complete application, court and police clearance and drug testing and probably a lower salary. The staff running ADC would be housed up at Division of Senior Citizens, Mangilao.

f. **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS** – ED reported the MCOG was supposed to end it the end of this month but because they pulled back the bid; they are not going forward with it, they have asked the MCOG that we continue until the end of this fiscal year and Division of Senior Citizens have just sent the work request for the additional \$396K to continue.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY FINAL REPORT** – Chairman, Mayor Jesse Blas said he is waiting on a couple of receipts to close out then he would submit hopefully by the end of the week or next week. *President* asked the chair to work on it because the auditor would like the report closed out soon.

b. **TRAVEL POLICY; ADOPTION OF – Mayor Robert Hofmann, Mayor Melissa Savares, and Mayor Jessy Gogue** – Mayor Robert Hofmann conveyed to the Body that they had a chance to review the *Draft Travel Policy* that had been emailed to all mayors and vice mayors. The *Draft* was a combination of what the committee had pulled together from the Government of Guam. Mayor recommended going a step further by including the request

for trip reports and everything else. It's a good policy to have as guidance. Mayor urged his colleagues to adopt the final draft.

Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to adopt the Mayors' Council of Guam *Travel Policy's* committee recommendations and seconded by Mayor Jessie Gogue. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

President thanked committee members.

c. **GPA VILLAGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** - As presented by Melinda Mafnas, Assistant General Manager of Operations during the February Special Monthly meeting, ED expressed that this may not be a unanimous adoption of this *program* because there are some mayors who would want to work individually with GPA as far as what they expect to get for the service they give. Ms. Mafnas did say that they are willing to work with the villages on a one to one basis rather than one policy set up.

Mayor Jessie Gogue expressed that the Body should discuss this as a Council whether or not this is something to consider adopting. The whole intent of GPA is really just to try mark what is considered a road map. GPA is proposing \$5 per pole, they provide the paint and mayors would be reimbursed \$5 per pole for the manpower and the paintbrushes or rolls that mayors used to paint the pole. This is a way of generating revenue. Mayor Gogue said he would be the central point of contact since he represents the Council with CCU. He asked his colleagues if they had ideas, recommendations on what they thought would be appropriate for their village, send them to him so that he could compile them; build a spreadsheet or outline the uniqueness of the different villages of what they thought would be appropriate for their community. From there a template would be built that GPA could work with on mayors helping them take care of their poles; infrastructure, and helping mayors address concerns the community have with regard to these things shorting out their power.

ED said Council would put out an email to all Districts to review the proposed *program* and submit your recommendations to Mayor Gogue. ED had informed Ms. Mafnas Council would respond by March 16.

Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that he is willing to work with this but had a problem with the reimbursement that needed to be talked about. There are several mayors who have difficult areas and this should be up for discussion; this should not be discounted; GPA needs to know mayors' thoughts and be constructive about it. Mayor Alig agreed with Mayor Gogue and said this does need to be discussed and to figure out how each village can contribute to this and felt it would work.

Mayor Jesse Blas said these were all good points and conveyed to colleagues to give this an opportunity to review the proposed *program*, come up with consistency and whatever is going to work with each mayor

ED stated the proposed *program* does state that GPA would work with each individual village and each village would sign an agreement if they wanted to. He does not think there is any cash coming back; it's just in-kind services but advised the Body if they wanted the money to put in that suggestion instead of in-kind services so that it could be put into their NAF.

During GPA's Special Meeting presentation, ED asked if mayors could also put in recommendations such as reducing mayors' utility costs and for streetlights and Ms. Mafnas's response was, "put it in there". ED said to send recommendations to Mayor Gogue.

Mayor Gogue asked colleagues to send their comments to him by Monday, March 12. If a mayor has no comment still send an email message indicating so.

d. **COMPACT IMPACT PHASE 2** – Mayor Robert Hofmann thanked colleagues for sending their administrative assistants to the meeting yesterday, March 6. There is \$148K Council needs to exhaust by the April 30 deadline. Mayor said he sent out the memo on Thursday, March 1 and had his clerk call each mayors' office on Tuesday morning, March 6. Each administrative assistant was given a timeline schedule of the Mayors' Council and Dept. of Administration. Mayors could procure equipment and supplies in Category 250, 450, and 240. Mayors could continue with their construction.

ED said the only mayors' office that still has \$25K are Hagatña, Mangilao, and Tamuning.

e. **REVENUE AND REDUCTION MEETING** – Mayor Melissa Savares reported that mayors continue to meet and agreed with ED that because there is a \$900K shortfall with Council's budget she expressed reducing utility costs by reducing the night sports games earlier, turning off lights, and minimizing carwashes; there are leaks that need to be addressed. She urged her colleagues to look aggressively for those leaks and find ways to reduce utility costs.

Mayor Robert Hofmann said the three biggest expenses are fuel, power, and communications. He said there was a discussion on the table to reduce the number of telephone lines in mayors' offices down to the very basic and majority of mayors have cell phones and said there was no need for a private line in their office. He also suggested grounding 24-hour official vehicles; fuel prices went up since January.

Mayor Jessy Gogue asked ED to provide the mayors, copies of current power bills to so that they could figure out, based on the consumptions, what could be done. ED said it could be done but the reason why Council hadn't provided copies is because consumption had been almost steady and in some cases it had been lowered. It is the water consumption that went up.

f. **EPA RECYCLING FUND PURCHASE ORDERS** – Mayor Jessy Gogue queried on the status of the PO's. ED said Council had to finish the budget submission. ED and *President* would be meeting with GuamEPA Administrator Walter Leon Guerrero this week to sign off on Council's *Operations Plan* and thereafter PO's would be given out to the mayors. ED reminded the Body that mayors could only deal with companies that are permitted with GuamEPA; if there are other companies out there that mayors wanted to deal with don't have an EPA permit, they need to go and apply at EPA.

ED said mayors are not going to get all the PO's at one time. It would be *abandoned vehicles*, then *white goods*. If the small districts does not use up their money, they could give it to other districts who would need it.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **LIBERATION 2018** – *President* reported that Council submitted a letter to the governor and had instructed his people to come up with a bill to submit to the legislature. The Executive Officers met with Governor Calvo yesterday, March 6 and informed him to at

least bring the games back not the casino and if the legislature won't allow it, *President* suggested to find somebody because Council would not want to operate it anymore. He said hopefully the legislature would meet with the Executive Officers and discuss this.

President recalled last year's Liberation festivities was the worst Council had in history. He would inform the Body of updates.

Mayor Melissa Savares felt Council needed to adopt a resolution in support of bingo and games of chance to amend the current public law that stipulated no forms of gaming, then take the resolution with the bill the governor would give to the legislature, that way it would show Council supported it. Monies coming in from the *parade* doesn't even pay for expenses; maybe a dent in what we pay for the stage and toilets. Most of the money used to pay for all the things that were needed were from the concessions and partially from sponsors. She said it is a compromise; Council is not asking for the casino to come back but the colored games.

ED made clarification on meeting with the governor that casino was brought up; the governor said he would not be the one to introduce the bill to the legislature. He had instructed his legal office to come up with a draft bill to amend the current statute, give it to the Council so it would be decided upon whether we want to go with it or not; bring that draft bill to the Legislature and find a senator who would be willing to introduce the bill for the Council. It would not be introduced by the governor but he did say he would support it. All the Council asked was not for year-round but solely for Liberation for a quick and immediate cash infusion so the MCOG could operate.

There had been calls from event coordinators to the Council from private entities to operate the carnival. The governor said he cannot pass it off to some other government department or agency because the law says Mayors' Council of Guam. Depending on what happens to this bill, if it doesn't go anywhere, the other option is, like what GVB does, give it out to a private event coordinator without the MCOG having to raise any money. The only thing that is still under the MCOG's control is the *Memorials* because the money is appropriated. The *Queens* could make money by the *raffles*.

Mayor Robert Hofmann queried of the deadline if Council doesn't hear anything by April 15. ED said earlier maybe by March 30 and he'd have this item on the agenda at April's Regular Monthly meeting.

Mayor Jessy Gogue said that from the public's perspective, Council needed to remind the public that the *Parade*, *Queen*, and the *Memorials* would still proceed.

Mayor Melissa Savares expressed that volunteers are needed to chair certain committees and to start call outs for potential *Queen* candidates, for *Parade*, and *Memorials*.

President announced to contact him if interested in volunteering for these committees.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – Mayor Melissa Savares asked Council representative Mayor Rudy Matanane if he had anything to report out; he said none. Mayor Savares conveyed to the Body that they are reassigning attendance areas. Mayor Savares

said she went to the Tiyan office to make sure that her students are not being sent too far away from home. She was told that at the *Board* meeting that they would like the mayors to come and take a look at the reassignment of attendance areas.

Mayor Allan Ungacta expressed that he had been getting calls, too, and wanted to know where the mayors stand in terms of this situation with GDOE.

President asked that Council representative, Mayor Rudy Matanane call for a meeting with the redistricting group. Mayor Rudy Matanane asked if he is the one to schedule one. *President* said yes and conveyed to the Body that he is sure there are mayors interested in participating and urged them to be at this meeting.

Mayor Louise Rivera said that for over 30 years, people had been asking to change Chief Brodie Elementary School into a middle school because it's been under-enrolled. Currently there are three (3) elementary schools in her district. Mayor said there is panic; there have been private meetings thinking they are going to shut down Chief Brodie. As long as she could recall, Mayor had spoken to all the different superintendents asking to have it changed to a middle school. Her MPC is meeting Friday and will adopt a resolution and had asked the Council's support to that resolution.

2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Kevin Susuico invited all at noon on Saturday, March 10 to the Agat Mayor's Office to kick-off *Mes Chamorro* festivities and Agat's sister-city group from Tinian will be on Guam to compete at Charter Day at UOG.
- Relative to fireworks purchase with JamzMedia and discussed at the February Regular Monthly meeting, ED reminded Council members there are funds from last year's Liberation and there was a willingness to commit to at least half of that balance for Liberation. Districts who have festivals and want fireworks, it would have to be funded out of their NAF. **Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion for a \$5000 deposit to JamzMedia for Liberation fireworks and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- Today's luncheon hosted by *Sinajana Mayor's Office*.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

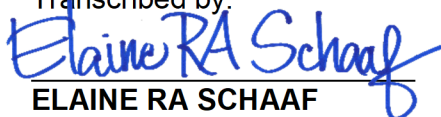
The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

CTD - 10:21 a.m.
A - 11:34 a.m.

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 P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	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 C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LUJAN, Doris F.	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 JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofof	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
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