



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa B. Savares called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
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	Talofofu
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
<input type="radio"/> BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
<input type="radio"/> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<input type="radio"/> FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
<input type="radio"/> DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
<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

Fifteen (15) members present at time of roll call. No quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

II. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

QUORUM ESTABLISHED 10:27 A.M.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes of February 6, 2019 – **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor John Cruz. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2019)

- a. Josephine M.P. Blas, President, Autism Community Together
Light It Up Blue for Autism
- b. Rlene Santos Steffy, MARC Research Associate on Projects update

Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the requests in the same order and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. In discussion, Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that mayors need to commit to *Autism Community Together* because if they continue to come here every year and mayors are not going to do anything then it would be a waste of mayors time. Mayor asked the Body to “put our best foot forward for this cause and commit to something tangible for this cause”. **No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

2. Communications

a. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** - MSgt. Victor Babauta offered mayors and vice mayors any sort of volunteer work and community assistance or assistance during events, fiestas or festivals.

b. **PRIDE MONTH REPRESENTATIVE** – Lt. Governor's office is asking for a representative from the Council. *President* Mayor Melissa Savares designated Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista of Barrigada.

c. **GEDA OPPORTUNITY ZONES** – Sammy Sotelo wanted to present to twelve (12) district mayors affected of an overview of Opportunity Zones (OZ). He had been trying to get all of them together. The districts are: Agat, Barrigada, Dededo, Hagatna, Mangilao, Merizo, Mongmong-Toto-Maite, Piti, Tamuning, Yigo, Yona, and Umatac. Mr. Sotelo requested to have one (1) senior member of their respective municipal planning councils attend. The mayors agreed to meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 19 at Council conference room.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 75TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES UPDATE –

Executive Director Angel Sablan reported the official logo was adopted yesterday and would be controlled by Guam Visitors Bureau. Contact GVB for use of logo.

President said there's still an adjustment with the logo where they're going to add the date and change the blue to a lighter shade.

Lt. Governor encouraged logo be used on letterheads in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Liberation.

QUEEN –

- *President* reported that the application would be finalized and available by tomorrow, March 14 and posted on Council website.
- Wanted to have candidates from each of the villages.
- Cabinets are encouraged to have agencies have a representative.
- Nestor Licanto who published *The Governors of Guam* book contacted Mayor Savares and asked that those who have a Liberation queen contestant can use his book as a fundraising item .

RAFFLE –

- Mayor Jesse Alig reported raffle tickets are available at this office in Piti.
- First batch issued is two thousand (2,000).
- In order to get another batch, previous tickets issued must be sold.
- Waiting on confirmation with Bank of Guam to have final counting at their headquarters.
- Do not bring tickets to final counting; just the money.

CARNIVAL –

- Executive Director Angel Sablan reported a preliminary schedule of four (4) vendors.
- Carnival starts June 5 and ends on August 1. It may go over a couple of days.
- Working on bringing in different acts, performers, and stars throughout event.
- Bid packets would be put out in the 2nd / 3rd week of April. Packets would only include what is still allowable by law. If there is any change between now and the time the packets come out on the games of chance then that may come out as a separate packet.
- April 15 to 17 the media would be informed that the packets would be available.
- April 19 a pre-bid conference of all interested vendors at Council conference room.
- April 25 bids open at 6 p.m. which would be handled by Mayor Rudy Matanane and Dominic Muna.
- Mayor Paul McDonald said the Council should start drafting gaming rules now, even before a law is passed.
- Mayor Rudy Matanane, Dominic Muna, and Mr. Sablan would be meeting to continue setting up the schedule.
- Lt. Governor requested space for different agencies involved in outreach.
- Anyone interested in providing mechanical rides let Mayor Rudy Matanane and Dominic Muna know.

- Mayor Rudy Matanane asked his colleagues to talk with school principals in their village to see if students can perform during Liberation day. *President* received word from the board and the leadership from GDOE that they going to be participating in the parade and activities during Liberation.
- *President* said farmers are going to set up a petting zoo.

PARADE –

- *President* encouraged all villages to enter floats.
- *President* said several hotels and large businesses have expressed interest in participating.

President reported that the different committees are submitting their budgets in so that they would know how much to solicit money for.

ED reported a Booklet Committee was established at yesterday's Liberation meeting in Adelup. Council representative is Mayor Louise Rivera who would be working with Angie Camacho and Melanie Mendiola from GEDA. At a minimum of a hundred pages, the booklet has to be out by the time they crown the queen in June.

2. **GUAM MUSEUM VILLAGE DISPLAY** – *President* encouraged colleagues to visit the displays and if there were village mayors who would still want to contribute exhibition pieces it would be displayed for three months.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **LITTER CONTROL REVOLVING FUND DRAFT BILL** – Introduced by Senator James Moylan, *President* expressed to the Body if they had not had the chance to review it to review it and if they had any comments to let her know.

Mayor Rudy Paco said according to the court system the maximum \$1000 fine for illegal dumpers imposed were too harsh. Fifty (\$50) to two hundred fifty (\$250) would be more reasonable.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that there had not been in the last three (3) fiscal years any monies collected and directly attributed to the litter control fund from citations issued. With this draft bill, mayor said there is a fundamental problem with the process, the partnership is the process, and it needs to be addressed. With the current law, any citation mayors issue goes into the *Litter Control Fund*; fifty (50%) percent stays with GEPA and fifty (50%) percent goes to the Mayors' Council; any other agency that issues a citation if a fine is awarded then it still goes into the *Litter Control Fund* and gets broken down into Dept. Parks & Recreation account and then half stays with the *Litter Control Fund*. Mayor said GEPA is the true beneficiary on the *Litter Control Fund* and the one charged with addressing the litter problem that plagues Guam. Mayors cannot issue citations out of their jurisdiction to violators who are not residents of their respective villages. Mayor said he "personally doesn't think it's a good bill; would this bill make an impact on correcting the problem with litter on this island?"

Mayor said when you take a look at the budget there had never been any money in those accounts to begin with so how would that benefit anybody?

Mayor Kevin Susuico reported that he, Mayor Doris Lujan and Jessie Gogue were summoned to a hearing at the District Court two weeks ago regarding the Layon Landfill, the transfer stations and the closure of Ordot dump. In regards to what Mayor Paco had mentioned, Mayor Kevin Susuico said he doesn't think the fines are stiff as they should be. They should be higher. He agreed with Mayor Gogue and expressed finding some other method to fully enforce and make people, that are going to be fined think twice before littering.

Mayor Susuico told Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood that the fines are not stiff enough. He said the governor and lieutenant governor were there at the hearing while he brought it up to the court if the Mayors' Council would approve a letter of support for the usage of the transfer stations in Agat and Malojloj because they are both underutilized. He said Senator Telena Nelson had asked to come together as a body to submit it in so the senators could push forward to utilize the transfer stations.

Mayor Jessie Gogue said the reason why they couldn't give permission for the mayors or anybody outside of residential users to use the transfer stations is because that was in their permit. Guam EPA issued them a permit which restricted the transfer stations for being utilized by government and commercial haulers. Mayor mentioned at the time that it's something that needs to be worked out with Walter Leon Guerrero in figuring out a way to give a conditional use to the mayors for access to those transfer stations. Mayor concurred with Mayor Susuico in that whether it's a council effort or not that the Body can and will support this.

Mayor Susuico stated that there are two letters that needed to go out. The first would be to the administrator of Guam EPA to allow and to change the law or change the rules and regulations to allow the mayors to utilize the transfer stations. The second letter is to the senators. Mayor Gogue said this could be resolved with just the administrator. Mayor Susuico and Mayor Doris Lujan said that according to Guam EPA representative Glenn San Nicolas all it takes is a letter from the Council.

President gave direction to have ED prepare a letter to Mr. Walter Leon Guerrero requesting that the mayors be allowed to use the Malojloj and Agat transfer stations and if the letter doesn't go through then Council would draft another letter. Because it's a self inflicted permitting process with Guam EPA, Mayor Gogue said whatever it takes Guam EPA to modify their conditions or amend their permits for the transfer stations if not, then the next course would be to seek the legislature's assistance.

Mayor Rudy Paco recommended all nineteen villages brainstorming and talk about stiffening up the penalties for illegal dumpers, do a Council resolution and give it to the legislature.

Mayor Paul McDonald recommended having the law amended to allow mayors to go in other boundaries.

2. RENOMINATION OF CHIEF JUDGE - Mayor Paul McDonald made a motion for a council resolution to support the renomination of Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to the U.S. District Court of Guam. Seconded by Mayor Jessie Gogue. No further discussions or objections. None opposed The motion carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD - *President* asked representative Mayor Rudy Matanane if he had any report. He responded no. *President* said she thought there was a Central Middle School Roundtable meeting today at 3 p.m. at the superintendent's conference room in Tiyan. *President* would confirm with the board and send out the information.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS - *President* announced that Ms. Linda DeNorsey had stepped down as the executive director because she had been confirmed by the legislature to serve as the new director for Department of Public Health and Social Services. CHC is in search for a new executive director for the clinics.

GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL - Mayor Jesse Alig queried on the status regarding his concerns he had asked representative Vice Mayor Frank Benavente on what the council's plans are islandwide for Fire Ants and any green waste management. In the absence of the vice mayor, *President* said he did attend a meeting. Mayor Alig said he didn't attend last month's MCOG meeting and wanted to know if the council had moved forward and if Vice Mayor Benavente could keep colleagues informed. *President* expressed that she would have vice mayor call him.

Mayor Allan Ungacta said he had gotten calls of feral pigs in his community and if any mayors were experiencing the same. He said according to Buck? that it's a budget shortage. Mayor Jesse Alig said they are slowly working it out in Piti. but USDA had not told him about a funding issue.

Mayor Allan Ungacta wanted to know where do the mayors stand in trying to reach out with the local government to try to help with the USDA at least to get some financing so they could bring the program back to the community level for a couple of months. Mayor asked to invite them back to make a presentation at Council's Special Monthly meeting. Mayor Alig expressed that this is an islandwide issue and agreed to invite them. *President* said she would see if Council would get somebody from USDA to come in.

President gave the floor to an individual in the audience who commented that he is a member of the GISC, attended meetings for 2 1/2 years and had seen very poor participation by the Mayors' Council. He said at the last meeting in February, feral pigs were discussed. Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that this is a concern and a need in some of these *Commissions/Committees* to have an alternate. *President* stated she would find out with the MCOG representative. *President* asked Mayor Jesse Alig if he would volunteer as an alternate. Mayor Alig accepted.

2. MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES –

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Representative Mayor Jessy Gogue announced that he would be meeting with Senator James Moylan next week regarding Litter Control Revolving Fund draft bill as discussed under today's new business.

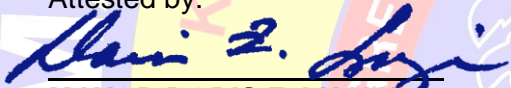
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *President* recognized and gave the floor to Congressman Luis John Castro, House of Representatives, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature former chairman to the 14th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council who briefly spoke and welcomed mayors and vice mayors to visit him at his office in Saipan.
- Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista announced the viewing and last respects of Barrigada Mayor's Office staff Jaime "Jimmy" Della on Wednesday, March 20 from 9 am to 11 am at St. Jude Catholic Church, Sinajana and asked to keep the family in their prayers.
- Mayor Doris Lujan said she got a call from Shawn Martinez with USDA who said if there are any property owners who are having problems with feral pigs to contact him at his office at 635-4400.
- Because of conflicting schedules for the mayors, with a show of hands, the majority favored moving the Special Monthly Meeting to Tuesday, March 19 at 10 a.m.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Hagatna Mayor's Office**.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paul McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Time: 10:00 am.

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

CTO - 10:14 am
A - 11:48 am

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.	Talofoto	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
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