



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

President, Mayor Paul McDonald announced and gave the floor to Greg Martin who introduced himself and gave a brief background on his professional experience. Mr. Martin was hired as the new general manager of Guam Solid Waste Authority who will officially take over sometime after the New Year. He looked forward working with all the village mayors on issues or concerns. He could be reached at 489-5424.

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
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
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
**R ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
O BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
**R HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
R IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
O SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
R TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofoto

O = ABSENT

*** = LATE**

**** = OFF ISLAND**

R = REPRESENTATIVE

Sixteen (16) 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 September 6, 2017 – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Mayor Louise Rivera 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 October 18, 2017

- a. Roselie V. Zabala, Health Services Administrator, Dept. of Public Health Getting Guam Healthy Incentives Program (GGHIP)
- b. Tanisha Aflague, Ph.D., R.D.N., University of Guam Extension and Outreach Services
- c. CAPT Jeffrey Grimes, COS JRM & Col Brent Bien, OIC MCAG Military Buildup Update

Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the three (3) guest speakers for October and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. The motion carried.

- 2. Communications** – No report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC - Saturday, November 4, 2017 – Chairman Mayor Rudy Matanane/Co-chair Mayor Allan Ungacta.

Mayor Matanane reported meeting two days ago and will finalize everything at next meeting, Tuesday, October 10. Mayor said the committee is looking at a hotel venue instead of the beach. ED expressed that there are no government funds used; there are donations coming in from various businesses and sponsors.

b. MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Leo Palace-Chairman Mayor Jesse M. Blas. Chair encouraged the Body to send their representatives to the meetings if they are unable to attend. A raffle drawing was scheduled today after the 1:30 p.m. committee meeting. The committee is moving forward and might come up with other fundraising alternatives.

d. TRAVEL POLICY – Mayor Robert Hofmann, Mayor Melissa Savares, and Mayor Jessy Gogue – Mayor Melissa Savares said Mayor Hofmann would be calling a meeting soon.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETINGS** – *President* gave the floor to ED who reported that at the Officers Meeting last week *Treasurer*, Mayor Jesse Alig brought up that the Special meetings were not well attended by the Body. Going back at the records, it showed most times a quorum was not met. Mayor Alig gave recommendation to combine it to just one with the Regular Monthly meeting and to limit guest speakers to three at the most.

President said we could limit their presentations and if there is an important issue or agency Council wanted to invite then we could always call a Special meeting.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that the overall attendance of both *Regular* and *Special* meetings are just dependent upon a mayor's schedule and contended that the majority of the mayors don't show up because there is something going on in their village and it is more pressing. When it comes to *Special* meetings, a quorum is not required as long as the Body does not conduct official business that requires a vote. If the Council started to do this on a nonrecurring basis then we would have to provide two (2) notices one week prior and then two (2) days prior, published in a generally circulated newspaper announcing our public meetings because they are not on a regular basis. Mayor said he sees no reason to change what Council had been doing for decades and voted *status quo*. It is an opportunity for the mayors to look at the agenda and some mayors may find it is not important to their community to hear that speaker; it is that mayor's decision, their call.

President announced that because there is no motion; it stays as is.

2. **SMARTNET RADIOS** – *President* stated that he had noticed Districts have no radios or no response to the daily radio checks. Mayor Melissa Savares said there are several Districts who have inoperable radios. ED stated the Office of Civil Defense is not replacing those radios anymore nor are they ordering parts to fix them so we are trying to figure out what do they want us to do in order to continue to be able to communicate because OCD may be changing out their system. Mayor Savares said it was a one-time grant with OCD to purchase them. Mayor Savares said she had to go to Motorola and purchase a battery and if mayors have to repair their radios, they would have to do it themselves. Mayor Jessy Gogue said Motorola does not accept purchase orders. ED stated that OCD would get back to the Council what is the alternative whether they would give us a vendor who has the same type of radios for us to purchase or get new ones.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf asked if Districts would do this individually. ED stated that it would come out of the MCOG Operations. *President* announced that the ED would look into it and get back to those individual mayors who have inoperable radios.

3. **ALL HAZARDS ALERT WARNING SYSTEM (AHAWS) SIRENS** – *President* expressed that a test of sirens went off on Monday, October 2 and wanted to know how many Districts did not hear them. A show of hands showed more than several. ED stated that is because they do not have sirens in their village and the sirens that were installed are for the coastal areas.

President said he is not concerned with the coastal areas because they do have sirens but for all the others villages who do not have sirens. ED said OCD is working on doing the entire island. *President* asked if Council could get a report to them to make sure. ED responded that OCD installed them so they would know which villages do not have.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf said OCD should have strategically placed the siren to reach both borders and the middle of Merizo.

ED stated that OCD would be installing thirty-three (33) additional sirens for the AHAWS and to meet at 8:30 tomorrow and Friday morning at their parking lot. Either a mayor or representative to go along with them because they are going to try to designate where these additional sirens are going to go to. ED said the sirens that are being installed are not just for tsunamis anymore.

X COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

CAHA – Mayor Jessy Gogue stated that he did not attend last month's Regular Monthly meeting and after he read the *minutes* of what had occurred, he wanted to put on record regarding the discussion on CAHA. A nomination, twice were submitted to the governor. The first in 2015 was as the selected appointee to represent the MCOG but Mayor Melissa Savares had been asked by the governor and was appointed and the second, this year 2017 in January recommending him as the appointee to CAHA as a governing board member. Mayor said there seems to be some desire at the administration level to select who they feel is more appropriate to represent our Council on boards and commissions and regardless of who we sent before the Governor's Office to represent this Council. Mayor Louise Rivera stated that she did not volunteer but was asked about it because no one was showing up at meetings. Mayor Jessy Gogue stated that this is not acceptable and hoped that the MCOG Executive Officers could bring it forth to the attention of the governor. He further stated, "That these boards and commissions are dependent on our attendance and they have got to effectuate these appointments so that we could actually do the job that the law allows us to do as members of these boards and commissions."

President said he would bring it up to the front office and find out why they are not responding.

Mayor Melissa Savares said Mike Perez in legal is the individual that all recommendations go thru the legal office where they do the research to make sure everything is in line then prepare the appointment letter ready for the governor's signature.

President said he would call the legal office today and speak to Mike.

GVB – Mayor Louise Rivera wanted to know when she gets information from GVB representative Mayor Robert Hofmann. She said she always has to go down to GVB to get information. She understands he is taking care of the whole island but said the majority of things that are happening are there in Tumon, and not have a vote on that board it is just terrible. *President* expressed that she should be automatically involved and go to the meetings. He said it could be a conflict if she was the representative because she is taking care of Tumon already.

Mayor Rivera said, "A lot of times her office would have to clean up after them; pick up their trash, everything for GVB and so Mayor Hofmann votes on what is happening in Tamuning, Tumon area; at least call me and inform me". She reminded *President* "we talked about it; you were going to talk to Mayor Robert Hofmann." She said there are GVB staff that ask her why she is not on the board. Mayor Rivera said it had been always a mayor or vice mayor from Tamuning Tumon to sit on this board but then it changed. *President* stated that his view of Council's representative is that Tumon is getting the bulk of funds from GVB and Tamuning mayor would be in conflict if Council were to have the mayor represent and just look at Tumon itself instead of somebody from the other 19 Districts so that Council could get a part of what

is collected. Mayor Rivera questioned, "So you don't trust me to represent the Council is what you're saying then?" She went on stating that, "you were going to change it and talk to Robert." *President* said that he would still talk to Mayor Hofmann and that he gave Mayor Rivera until December to do that. *President* said maybe Council could have legislation include her but Mayor Rivera said this is an appointment by the president of the Council and that is why she brought it to his attention.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf expressed that it's only prudent that when it involves a certain village that mayor should be informed that they are coming into that village for any kind of promotion whether it's a government or private entity. Let the mayor know; don't leave them in the dark.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that if it is going to affect villages, report it out. We have responsibilities as leaders to keep our colleagues informed.

GDOE – Representative Mayor Rudy Matanane reported that the vice chair of the board had asked him for a list of mayors, the schedules of the cutting, and who cuts it. *Vice President* Mayor Melissa Savares stated that this is a new fiscal year and new bids go out and there might be new contractors and the schedule, by law, is two cuts per month. *President* made announcement to those individual mayors who have GMS funding for grass cutting to talk with the school's administrator to discuss your schedules.

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

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Melissa Savares thanked all for Council's serving at yesterday's rosary and announced funeral services for Juan Guerrero Benavente on Tuesday, October 17 at Santa Barbara Church.
- Mayor Ernest Chargualaf announced the golden anniversary of Malesso Fiestan Tasi and asked the Body to buy tickets and he would reciprocate.
- Mayor Jesse Blas invited all to Fiestan San Francisco Sunday, October 7 at the open field where the night market takes place beginning at 3 p.m. Also in attendance will be Mayor Manny Fermin and other officials from Kapangan, Benguet, PI. Sister-city with Yona.
- Mayor Rudy Matanane announced the Citrus Festival on November 14.
- Mayor Kevin Susuico announced the Agat Night Market is now on Friday's beginning October 6 to accommodate vendors. Mayor Tabanda from Benguet, PI would be arriving from PI and would be here through October 9.
- Mayor Melissa Savares communicated there is a Roundtable on the status and update of the military buildup tomorrow, Thursday 5 at 4 p.m. at the Legislature by Senator Aguon, Jr. and asked the Body if they are interested to join in.
- Today's luncheon hosted by **Mangilao Mayor's Office**

A motion made by Mayor Jessy Gogue to recess for lunch and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. There were no objections. Recessed at 12:08 p.m.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION] MCOG FY 2018 BUDGET

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez.
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Attested by:

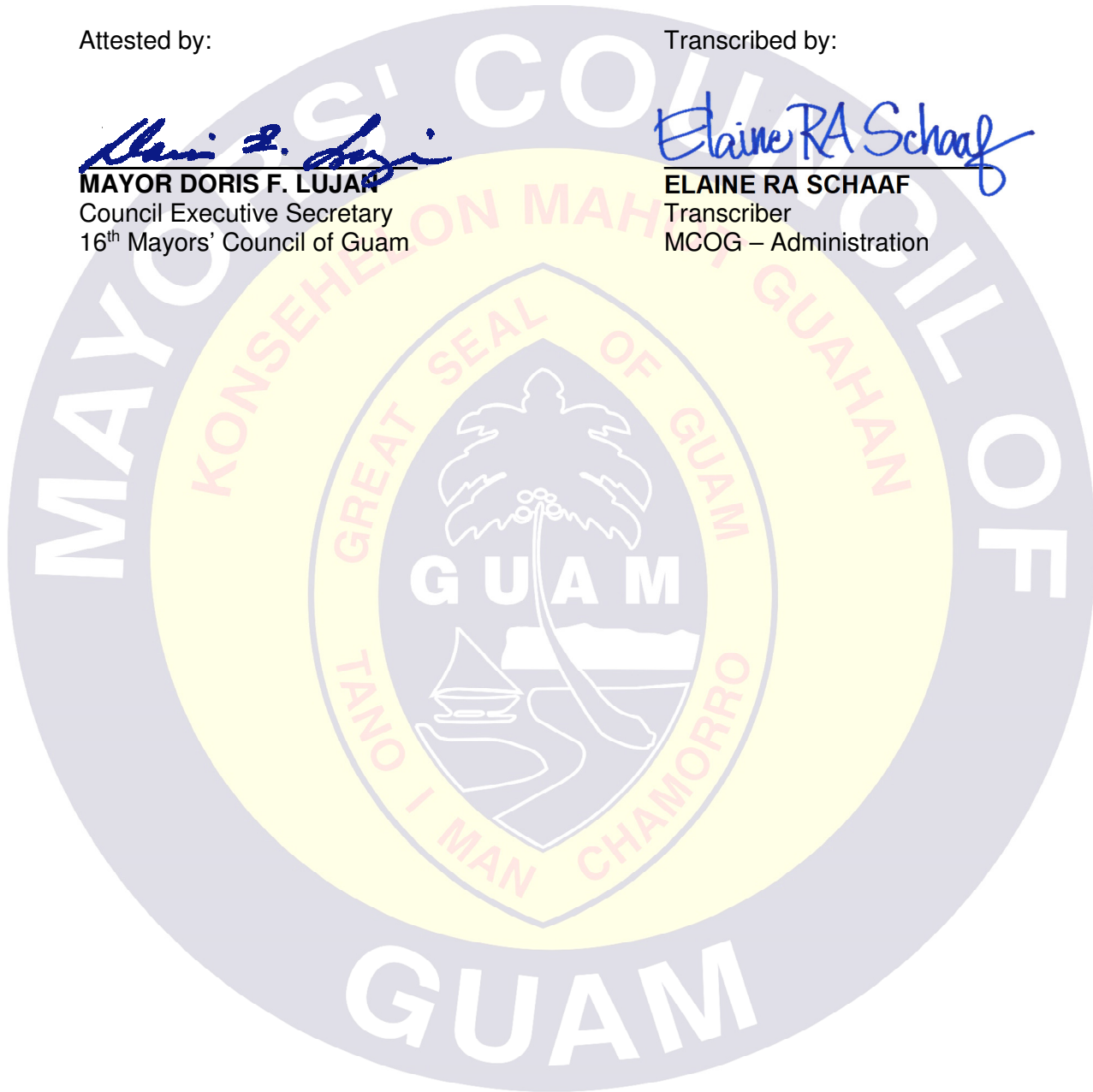
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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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 CTO - 10:32 a.m.
 A - 1:38 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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	<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	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	<i>[Signature]</i>
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LUJAN, Doris F.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	<i>[Signature]</i>
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	<i>[Signature]</i>
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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	<i>[Signature]</i>
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	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
SUSUICO, Kevin JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofoto	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
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Michael Mathar	Sinajana	<i>[Signature]</i>	
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CORRA MARTIN	CO SWA	489-5424	
Cumbo Beverly	Talofoto Mayor	8685869	