



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
Tamuning Senior Center  
Tamuning, Guam

**MINUTES**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inarajan
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofof
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<b>O</b> BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
<b>O</b> FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
<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> LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<b>O</b> McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
<b>O</b> QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
<b>O</b> SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo

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

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

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

There was a moment of silence and prayer for former Umatac Mayor Daniel Sanchez, former Agat Commissioner Antonio Terlaje, and former Senator Michael Reidy.

- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES – Mayor June Blas made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF APRIL TREASURER’S REPORT –Mayor John Cruz made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- VI. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

1. **TINA NOKET AND FRANCES BALAJADIA – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE** – To accomplish the mission, primarily a big part is the support of the entire community. They offered a partnership to help connect residents with an additional service. An opportunity for village mayors to promote health and wellness within their communities and connect residents with each other as well with resources available through their Guam Field Office. The village display should be centered around the theme of this year's Relay for Life, "Island Strong, Together We Beat Cancer". Mayors who were interested in participating were asked to fill out, sign and submit the form by July 30 to their office or by email. Village display campaign will run the entire month of September. They anticipate closing out in November for another luminaria encore. They will be taking pictures and posting on their social media outlets which villages participated and to help island residents plan their route.

2. **ERNIE GALITO – ATKINS KROLL** – In the absence of Mr. Galito, Mayor Louise Rivera read their environmental and recycling campaign for Earth Day statement. AK wanted to partner with the village mayors to help clean up Guam's environment of used and discarded car batteries. For each battery collected, AK will pay \$10.00 and offered to pick up batteries from these collection points:

- Central villages – April 20
- Southern villages – April 21
- Northern villages – April 22

This is part of AK's activities in observance of 2021 Earth Day on April 22. Should a mayor agree to be a distribution site, *President* asked Mayor Rivera to be the point of contact and conveyed to council members to contact her if they do not want to participate so that their name is not included.

3. **DORIS AGUON – SERVE GUAM COMMISSION** – Meet and greet of her staff and their role as they provided handouts of their programs, service projects including service leadership and AmeriCorps support. Recently, AmeriCorps volunteers helped village mayors' offices with food commodity distribution. They will assist mayors in setting up a volunteer database on how to recruit within their community. Their mission is to promote the value of volunteerism and improve the overall quality of service.

**4. SARAH NEDEDOG – OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND POVERTY PREVENTION (OHAPP)** Executive Director Nededog reported merging with Passport to Services, Homeless Coalition, and Dept. of Public Health and Social Services for the vaccinations on April 13 and April 16. Ms. Nededog sought the mayors' help in reaching out to those who can benefit from the Passport to Services event and COVID-19 vaccinations.

OHAPP Vice Chairman, Mayor Robert Hofmann asked mayors if they could assist in providing 50 tables and 100 chairs for next week's event at the following locations and times:

- Tuesday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Paseo in Hagatna, near the playground.
- Friday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Beach Park, or Ypao Beach, main pavilion in Tumon.

OHAPP is coordinating with GFTA, Kloppenburg and DPW for transport services. Vaccinations will be administered to homeless residents by DPHSS.

## VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**1. QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING** - With Governor and Lt. Governor at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 14. There were no objections on the meeting date. Mayor Louise Rivera had accepted to host. **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to allot \$450 from the Dues to pay for the breakfast hosting and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No further discussion or objection. The motion carried.**

**2. GUAM HYBRID LAND USE COMMISSION** – The commission had resumed its regular meetings every second and fourth Thursday of each month. There were applications that required the empanelment. However, because of gathering restrictions of Guam's state of public health emergency, they were only capable of conducting virtual platform meetings and needed to establish how many mayors utilized virtual platform and once confirmed they could proceed with the scheduling of meetings. When there is a meeting scheduled that would affect that village, there would be four mayors called upon, the main would be where the project is located and the other three would be the adjacent villages.

**3. EMERGENCY ALERTUS BEACON QUESTIONNAIRE** – If mayors have filled out the questionnaire form that was sent via email, someone from Guam Homeland Security may have come to their office to look at their walls to see where to place the beacon. The beacon needed to be installed close to an outlet and next to someone who is always going to be there to monitor it when GHS has any alert to send out.

**4. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS** – ED thanked districts who have submitted their appropriated and non-appropriated fund reports however there were districts who submitted as early as April 1. His concern was that the mayors needed to ensure their reports were up to March 30 so they don't have to amend it if they get any expenditures on the 29<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> and it wasn't included.

**5. MCOG ADMIN OFFICE SPACE** – The OHAPP office was part of the original request for office space that Council put out last year. They are located on the second floor above the man office. It was done simply because of the mandatory social distancing where there was no way Council could have met unless there was additional space. It doubled Council's footprint and so the budgeted amount for the office space went up to \$111K a year. To reduce Council's expenditure, the governor's office is going to utilize the office space Council already got the purchase order for. What they will be doing is reimbursing the Council back for the expenditure that Council is making of the \$55K, that's under OHAPP and Guam Recovery Office, which is headed by David Cruz. The Council will not use the office space upstairs but instead be assisting and collaborating with the other spaces from the governor's office.

It was brought up at last month's meeting where the Council would be having meetings. The options were virtual platform, governor's cabinet conference room, or travelling meetings village to village. It's going to come to a point where it will have to stop because the senior centers are going to come back into operations. *President* concurred and expressed that there is no option at the moment other than to meet virtually or to take up the offer and use the cabinet conference room and expressed that he is not terribly worried or concerned about utilizing either one of those options. The biggest difference is the reduction of the amount of people that can attend in Adelup and no serving both with virtual. *President* asked if there were any discussions or concerns to talk about at this time. There were none. He said Council would continue to meet either at the Tamuning or Sinajana Senior Center until such time the centers will open. The governor had committed to inform Council in advance when the senior centers will be occupied fully and once they are, Council would have to make that determination whether to accept the use of the cabinet conference room or, ultimately, meet virtually.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**GUAM VISITORS BUREAU** – Representative, Mayor Paco expressed that he is aware the routed areas are not the mayors' jurisdiction but conveyed to Council members to chip in and cut some overgrown vegetation to spiff it up it would be greatly appreciated to support the month of May in case the governor opens up the island and for the tourists.

### **2. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU)** – Mayor Rudy Paco reported 123 dogs and 5 cats were turned in for the month of March to GAIN. Tamuning Mayor's Office turned in 64 dogs. They are still running across some issues but mayor said he would try to work it out with Dept. of Agriculture and GAIN to see how it could rectify the issues that are slowing the roundup.

*President* said for the next meeting he'll follow up on Standing Committees and Boards and Commissions reports if any.

**LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** – *President* briefly discussed Bill No. 47-36 introduced by Senator Tony Ada relative to transferring control of the Tourist Attraction Fund grants program to the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau. How it would help the Council is it would allow the mayors to apply for those grants such as for festivals or events in their villages for funding from the GVB. There is a better chance getting a larger sum of money from a larger pot. *President* asked the Body for their support and for a motion to send a letter of support. **Mayor Dale Alvarez made the motion for a letter of support and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.** *President* conveyed that he attended the virtual public hearing last week, it was favorable, and there were definitely opportunities for the MCOG.

*President* reported on Bill No. 48-36, introduced by Senator Tony Ada relative to expansion of the public investments options for qualifying certificate holders to include municipal programs and projects. This would allow mayors to apply for those grants to benefit their community, opportunities in their villages, have activities, have infrastructure that is necessary to be upgraded. This is another route rather than rely on the General Fund. *President* asked the Body for their support and for a motion to send a letter of support. **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion for a letter of support and seconded by Mayor June Blas.** In discussion, Mayor Alvarez queried if he would be eligible if he applied for the grant. *President* responded that it would make him eligible. Mayor Hofmann said it codifies the language to include the Mayors' Council; it would amend qualifying certificates to benefit communities and municipalities and offer preference for community benefit. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**ISLANDWIDE BEAUTIFICATION TASK FORCE** – Mayor Hofmann reported that in celebration of Earth Month there would be an islandwide cleanup on Saturday, April 24. IBTF sought mayors' assistance to identify staging areas. Disseminated was a breakdown of site locations where each mayor was responsible for certain sites based on jurisdiction and for mayors without sites assigned, they asked that they host a cleanup within their jurisdiction. Trash would then be transported to the three northern, central and southern major bin locations.

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **UPDATE - RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM** – ED reported that Council is almost done with Phase I. The \$500K had been uploaded and purchase orders for Phase II which are *white goods* and *bins* will be ready for pickup after 3 p.m. today and after that *green waste* and *electronics*. The PO for *white goods*; freezers, refrigerators, and water heaters will all go to Pyramid Int'l Corp. Washers, dryers, stoves, and *loose metals* will go to Global Recycling. Global will not charge and will buy *loose metals*. ED conveyed not to mix the *white goods* with the *loose metals* and the *white goods* that are free and with the ones that are chargeable because the receiving side would have a heck of a time separating them. Requests to increase POs for tires would come next.

Council is waiting for a few more Districts to exhaust their POs so that we can increase for *abandoned vehicles* collection. ED reminded the Body 100 max for vehicle collection. The PO is limited to \$25K.

ED received a call from Senator Joe San Agustin yesterday who told him he is going to introduce a bill to allow for appropriation to MCOG for recycling, separate and apart from GuamEPA money. He said the senator wanted to ensure that the recycling continued and its not based on GEPA whenever they give it out. He said it was for \$2 million, after *President* asked what the amount would be.

*President* said he attended a meeting on Monday with Senator Sabina Perez regarding the Zero Waste bill that is proposed to update, revise the Recycling Revolving Fund. Within that bill, the Islandwide Environmental Cleanup Program is still part of the bill but the goal is to ultimately get to zero waste. He will let Council members know when the next meeting is and will send the revised bill.

## X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS (ESP) PROJECT** – *President* conveyed submitting the initial proposal to Lt. Governor of the nine Districts who have responded to a budget proposal to himself and Mayor Hofmann. If Districts submitted a response that they are interested but no budget proposal, he didn't send it in because the Lt. Governor needed a dollar amount. He is hopeful that those Districts with their initial plans will receive some money for their after-school and summer school programs starting this summer.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf queried if the budget proposal had to be very detailed. *President* replied that it didn't have to be detailed but basically to know what you're going to do, what is offered, are you doing sports, are you doing health and wellness, what program to meet the social and emotional needs of our students, adult education or what general programs do you want to offer your village this summer and for after school, how many participants are you willing to have or can you accommodate with COVID-19 at a minimum, and then a budget proposal and if you cannot meet because no PPEs, it needed to be included as well. If you cannot meet because certain facilities needed to be upgraded, it needed to be included in the proposal. If you need staff because you need someone to operate it, you need a camp director, a teacher, an aide, a coach, or a referee, it needed to be included as well. If you are interested and you have a general idea what you want to do, and an approximate amount of money that you are going to need to operate successfully, then let him or Mayor Hofmann know.

2. **77<sup>TH</sup> LIBERATION MEMORIALS AND PBS GUAM** – *President* conveyed that PBS is wanting to be a part of Council's efforts by offering a virtual parade so if Districts haven't completed the survey and wished to participate, complete it and send it directly to Ina Carillo.

*President* said he received only a few Districts that have *Memorials*, their budget and plan for their respective ceremony. A check request form would be given and they would indicate, based on what their proposal was, their dollar amount and at the end of the ceremony, Districts are to submit their receipts.

*President* conveyed that for the welfare of manãmko, especially because those are the people that are going to attend, we want to keep them safe. Currently, the gathering is at 50 people total and as mayors, to use their best discretion based on their resources because Council cannot fully fund their *Memorial*.

3. **PLACE NAMES PROJECT KUMISIÓN I FINO' CHAMORU** - *President* announced the first public hearing for the southern region will be held at the Agat Community Center on April 13th at 6:00pm.

4. **FUNERAL WREATHS** - Treasurer, Mayor Kevin Susuico wanted to go on record because there's a new set of officers, that for past commissioners or mayors who have passed away, asked that a motion be put out because he wasn't aware that automatically funeral wreaths where at \$125. **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the payment of funeral wreaths at \$125 for deceased former mayors, vice mayors, and commissioners. Seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussion or objections. The motion carried.** ED expressed that it is in Council's By-laws. Mayor Susuico said he'll take a look at that.

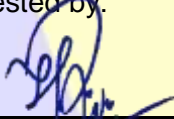
#### XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Deadline to file Public Official Financial Disclosure Statement or to request for an extension is April 22, 2021.
- Barrigada San Vicente Ferrer fiesta novena on Saturday, April 10 at 4 pm followed by mass. There will be no procession.  
Food Trucks tonight at Tiyan grounds, Barrigada from 4 pm to 9pm. every Wednesday.
- Village-based COVID-19 vaccination Friday, April 9 from 9am to 3pm at the Asan Community Center.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Merizo Mayor's Office.**

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

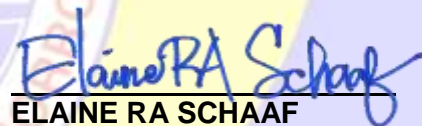
*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Attested by:



**MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA**  
Council Executive Secretary  
17<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



**ELAINE RA SCHAAF**  
Transcriber  
MCOG – Administration



# ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting:  Regular  Special

CPD 10:21 am  
A 11:51 am

PLACE OF MEETING: Tamuning Senior Center

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/33	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
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	
LEONES, Loreto V.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
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	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofofu	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
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GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
TINA NOVEL	AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	482-9215	
Frances Balagadia	American Cancer Society	487-4980	
JOE RIOS		687-7620	
Anne Wen	PDN	488-1439	
URIAH PEREZ	MCBCB	355-2342	
Aiana Chargualaf	AAFB	366-2837	
Bob LIZARD	Gov. OFF	685-1113	
MESA GLEN	GUNG	797-7742	
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