



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2022
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

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

II. ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
V DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
V IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
V McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humatak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
V SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
O BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
O/R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
O/R QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
O/R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
O TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning

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

Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM/GUAM HYMN

IV. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES – Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the August report and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DIRECTIVE REFERENCE SMALL PURCHASES – For every small purchase, send RFQs to six (6) vendors. If only less than three (3) responses, a memorandum of *Written Determination* needs to be attached as a supporting document as amended by P.L. 36-103. This is effective immediately.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM EMPLOYMENT TO VOTE – Every voter is entitled to absent himself from employment for two (2) consecutive hours from when the poll opens and the time of closing and to provide evidence from the Guam Election Commission that he voted during his absence.

CARRYOVERS – ED emphasized again to Council members that the possibility of carryovers for FY'23 is not looking very good at this point. It was asked in MCOG's budget submission and testimony. Depending on what the legislature does, mayors wanting to have the carryover done, they would have to communicate with their favorite senator at least personally, on a one-to-one basis. The chair of the appropriations committee is not supporting carryovers for FY'23.

VEHICLE PURCHASE SURVEY – The president emailed to mayors four (4) option choices, which will be submitted to BBMR to begin the procurement process. Mayors who chose the 4x4's will probably get it first because that bid is already out.

The 4x2's and the sedans may come at different times. They may get the sedans before they get their 4x2s, or vice versa depending on how soon the bids are placed.

ARPA FUNDS FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT – ED commented that the Dept. of Public Works ordered, six months ago, vehicles and heavy equipment for their own and they still don't anticipate getting it for another six months. For the three dump trucks, three backhoes, three mowers, and three mulchers, MCOG probably will not see that equipment until late next year. It's likely that if MCOG still follows this, it won't be until late next year at the soonest.

There were discussions yesterday with BBMR together with MCOG president and vice president. The other option and agreed upon by BBMR is for MCOG to consider renting the equipment as needed by putting out a purchase order for whatever heavy equipment mayors need.

President stated that renting was one option. The other option that he and the vice president felt might work better for the 19 villages was to take the sum for the heavy equipment and divide it by nineteen (19) that way mayors would be able to purchase either used heavy equipment or combine funds to purchase something for your own.

Mayor McDonald made a motion to divide the money for heavy equipment among the nineteen (19) equally. Seconded by the vice president, Mayor Robert Hofmann.

In discussion, Mayor Hofmann said it would be roughly \$100K and with the other \$100K for beautification, it would benefit their communities in terms of doing a co-op and with heavy equipment, you must have a license to operate them and if the Body agreed to this is, the maintenance cost of a backhoe is expensive.

Mayor Melissa Savares preferred the option of renting rather than purchasing and the equal distribution and how it could be unequal; larger villages have roads that are substandard roads that are always in need of repair. She requested that the list be a little more than just six (6) vendors because having an open PO for rental on an as needed basis, all the mayors would be struggling. *President* said MCOG's certifying officer will make sure the list is wider.

Mayor Gogue pointed out that in a recent audit of his host community premium funds, his office didn't do the proper procurement of getting three price quotes. He purchased a used tractor. There weren't three companies out there that didn't have used heavy equipment for sale. *President* said with the new law after attempts to get six price quotes, the attestation should suffice. ED said if they say they don't have the used equipment, that's already a quote.

Mayor Ungacta queried that because it's on the table, would it be voted on today since there's a quorum? *President* expressed that it's at the pleasure of the body.

Because the fiscal year is almost ending, Mayor Kevin Susuico wanted to know if the money can be utilized for the next fiscal year. ED responded that it is ARPA funds and doesn't expire until FY2024.

Mayor Hofmann stated to the Body that the onus is on mayors' administrative assistants to go and do the procurement to open the purchase orders or to do the rental agreements and everything. It's not on the Mayors' Council Admin Ofc. Mayors would have to do their legwork in the offices.

President asked that the Body ensure that their office staff does their work and meets all their requirements timely, and there are no issues from their office but if the issue has not left the mayor's office, then that is their issue. If the issue is elsewhere, mayors can resolve it and ensure that everything that is supposed to come out of their office comes out of their office properly. If the issue is at the Mayors' Council Admin. Office, that can be resolved as well.

No further discussions or objections. None opposed. The ayes have it. The motion carried.

ED will relay this to BBMR.

ARPA FUNDS – For Beautification and Recycling, ED had reported for the past several regular monthly meetings of the \$100K. To date, only eight (8) villages have used the funds or begun to use them. There are eleven (11) Districts that have not touched the funds. ED made it very clear that it's available to use for beautification and recycling. Mayors can purchase mules, mowers, shovels, bush cutters, or contract people to cut grass or other things like that. There are under 60 days to go before POs that were made are going to expire.

The eight (8) villages, Chalan Pago-Ordot, Hagatna, Malesso, Mangilao, MTM, Piti, Sinajana, and Yona are the districts that already used the funds. Those not mentioned, have not, and MCOG Admin. Ofc is still waiting for these requisitions because they still have to go to BBMR for their approval.

The usage of the \$46K, absolutely no food or paper products or uniforms; only protective uniforms for employees which are allowable under ARPA. Whatever it is in their operations, Districts can use those funds. ED suggested that mayors' have their administrative assistants look at their current purchase orders and cancel out whatever they can get with ARPA funds. Take note, this is time-consuming because of MCOG Admin. having to deobligate and then obligate.

Although Districts are allowed to use open purchase orders, many have been turning in requisitions for them, ED advised to not just use one vendor of the same type but to give each one an open purchase order because it would just be giving the advantage of one company. Don't overlook the rest because the OPA will point them out to MCOG later. MCOG Admin. will be rejecting anything that comes in for an open purchase that does not have an accompanying open purchase for some other company, that way you're giving everybody an equal opportunity instead of getting the quotes.

Mayor Hofmann suggested taking advantage of group purchasing to save on time trying to get different specs which would probably be cheaper for the vendor.

President said he'd be willing to coordinate a meeting so that if they're interested it could be a staff meeting with the administrative assistants and if mayors are interested they can also attend so that they can work together if they're soliciting the same specifications,

ED stated that grouping together will not be a problem because it would still come out of one purchase order.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER) – Mayor Savares thanked Mayor Anthony Chargualaf for getting the resolution from his MPC for the recommended name change of the elementary and middle schools from Inarajan to Inalåhan.

She mentioned at the last council meeting that public schools start on August 10. For those mayors that have public schools in their communities, if they could assist with traffic control at the entrance and exits into the schools where there are traffic jams.

The school communities are still looking for volunteers to help next weekend with touchups and cleanups to spruce up the schools. Mayors who have a sister command sister squadrons that are looking for some volunteer work this is a good time for them to come out and help.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS – Mayor Savares reported health center staff would be bringing survey packets to the different villages and asked that their residents fill them out. They're also wanting to do an outreach in September and October. Mayor had asked during several council meetings that if mayors have an area in their community where residents have limited access to healthcare, staff can do immunizations and outreach so it can be arranged for the next outreach to be in those limited access areas.

WAR CLAIMS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE – *President* reported the continuation to adjudicate claims but are seeing less and less applicants. He asked if mayors knew of any Manāmkō' out there that still have not applied, to encourage them to.

GUAM ELDER JUSTICE CENTER – *President* reported no new update regarding their push to the board of trustees of the public defender to include additional services for the Manāmkō'. Once this can be finalized he is hoping to get council support for a resolution or a letter of support.

GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES – Mayor Gogue announced a grand opening for an annual art exhibit on Friday, August 5 from 6 pm to 8:00 pm, all are invited to attend. They called it the *Pen Brush & Beyond* art exhibit. The exhibit is at the CAHA Gallery, 2nd floor of the DNA Bldg.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES – No reports.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES – *President* expressed his sincere gratitude to the 18 Districts that participated in the parade and to the mayor and the vice mayor of Mangilao and their team for their hard work and for helping coordinate the foster care float. Mayor Ungacta thanked his colleagues for their generous donations.

President said there were some suggestions that he noted from several mayors and he will talk more about that when they have their closeout.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION; ELECTION – *President* recognized and gave the floor to Executive Director Maria Pangelinan who reported to the Body on Election Logistics and Support. District Registration is from August 5-17, 2022 at the nineteen (19) village mayors' offices up to 8:00 p.m. District Registrars who are employees of Mayors' offices can register any time during those dates and are paid from 5 pm to 8 p.m. Non- employees are paid starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be two registrars, one from a mayor's office and one from the other party. There is mandatory training tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at their office in Tamuning district and they will get the latest voter list.

District Registrars may have to visit GEC to replenish registration forms. Director thanked village mayors for the use of their office and copier.

Voters may have signed motor voter registration to update, which means a voter will be transferred to the village of residence indicated on their driver's license or Guam ID application form. If there's a signature and a checkmark to update their registration, what happens by law is the GEC will use the village of residence that's indicated on that driver's license or ID application.

Early voting is from July 28 to August 19, Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm at the Westin Hotel. As of August 2, there were 670 early voters. There is accessible voting service available shuttled from the parking structure to the Mezzanine level. Up to August 17 villagers can go there to register and vote at the same time. They have machines called universal express vote machines that mark one's ballot on a card stock that lists all the candidates you voted for and have proof that this is who you voted for.

Homebound voting services are from August 1 to 27. To date, GEC has received 122 applications. Homebound representatives will be visiting each village.

Primary Election is Saturday, August 27 from 7 am to 8 pm. Director requested mayors' assistance with the assessment of exterior lighting from the polling room to the parking lot, setting up canopies for accessible voting because it's rainy season, traffic control, picking up meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), and delivering to precinct officials and poll maintenance worker. GEC will get the six quotes and do the procurement. There will be one police officer at each polling site, and two at Okkodo High School.

2. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/SISTER VILLAGE SUPPORT – *President* expressed if mayors had received calls from schools to help with their grass cutting because there is an issue with their vendor not being paid. His take is to involve their sister command. The problem with the sister command is they don't have bush cutters and they don't know how to use them and some don't even want to operate it. There are some commands that are willing to help with water blasting and painting.

Mayor Savares said the shortfall of the vendor not getting their pay is because they weren't getting the invoices to the right person to cut those checks.

President conveyed to Council members is do what they can if they're willing to, if they're not willing to because of their manpower or resources, to communicate that to the school.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Mayor Hofmann announced that his administrative assistant, Michael Mafnas, will be leaving in two weeks for a classified position at GHURA. Mayor thanked him for all that he did for the council and all the offices in helping them with their tech and their advice.

➤ *President* gave congratulations to the villages of Mangilao, Sinajana, and Piti for applying for the child development grant. If mayors have a program, have an afterschool program, an active program, or want to fund a program, it's very specific about what you need to do, he is always willing to help if he can. There's a vast number of things that Districts can do for an afterschool program.

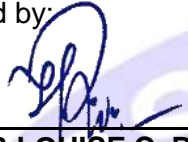
➤ Because of the many requests for audience for August, *President* reminded the Body to review the request wisely and ensure that they get considered. If their

presentations become more than an hour and a half, then he'll ask the Body if they want to have a virtual meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

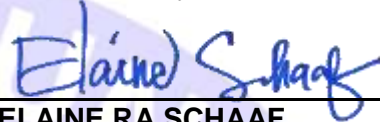
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:49 p.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Council Executive Secretary
17th Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
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From: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
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From: Kevin Delgado <mangilao.vicemayor@gmail.com>
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To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
Cc: Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig <jesse.alig@pitiguam.com>, Mayor Allan RG Ungacta <mayorallan.ungacta@yahoo.com>

Good morning, Madam Secretary!

I will be attending another Zoom meeting at 9AM on August 3, 2022 for our Mayor's Office. Therefore, I ask to attend our monthly MCOG meeting at 10AM via Zoom.

Have a blessed day!

KEVIN AN DELGADO,
Vice Mayor
Municipality of Mangilao
Community of Education, Culture, and Sports
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From: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
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To: mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
Cc: Carmen Aguigui <caguigui.amo@gmail.com>, Rowena Malaga <rmalaga.amo@gmail.com>

Hafa Adai Madam Secretary:

Please be advise of my request to attend our regular monthly meeting to be held on August 3, 2022, via zoom.

I will also have my A.A. Carmen Aguigui also be present as representative on my behalf.

Best Regards

Mayor Susuico

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From: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
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Hafa Adai Madam Secretary,

Please take note of my intent to attend the MCOG Regular Monthly Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, August 3rd, 2022 at 10:00a.m via zoom.

Thank you and please contact me if you will need additional information.

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Rudy D. Iriarte

Vice Mayor

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Hafa Adai Mayor,

Mayor McDonald is requesting to attend the MCOG regular monthly meeting for August via zoom.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (671) 472.8285/6.

Thank you,
Angelica "Angie" N.G. Jamanila-Gumataotao, Municipal Clerk
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