



Regular Monthly Meeting  
 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
 Sinajana Senior Center  
 Sinajana, Guam

**MINUTES**

*President* recognized and gave the floor to Ron McNinch, past president of Rotary Club of Pago Bay who introduced UOG students Rocco Samuel, Ryan Eliwise and club president Jesse Quenga. The group briefly demonstrated and talked about reflector tape distribution to the nineteen District Offices and requested it be distributed to their residents. The club had started to deliver to the northern and several central districts yesterday.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

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

**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

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- V. APPROVAL OF AUGUST TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**VI. GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**JEANENNE CORDERO, GUAM ELDER JUSTICE CENTER –** Provided information regarding the Elder Justice Center, a six-month pilot program from the Public Defender Service Corporation that provide limited legal services to senior citizens. The services are powers of attorney, living wills, last will and testament, and guardianship of the person.

**MATTHEW SGRO, GUAM RUGBY UNION –** Presented overview of their non-profit proposal to invest in a rugby field in one of the villages of Guam. This investment would be 100% funded by the union and would assist with further growing and promoting youth activity within the sport of rugby.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**  
**1. Communications**

**GHS/OCD: FOR POINTS OF DISPENSING (POD) –** ED reminded Council members to submit their POD sight and plan to Leo Espia, GHS/OCD so they can complete the Catastrophic Plan. There are a handful of Districts who have submitted.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL –** Gina Villagomez, administrative staff for facilities and maintenance requested assistance for water blasters and ladders to use in preparation for the school year opening. The military will be there tomorrow to assist in the cleaning.

**TINIAN BEEF, BEER & BANDS FESTIVAL -** Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan extends an invitation to the MCoG, their families and friends to their first-ever Beef, Beer and Bands Festival scheduled for Friday, Aug. 13, and Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Tinian fiesta grounds. Those interested can contact AMIM president, Mayor Kevin Susuico.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –** No Report

## 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

**STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU)** – Mayor McDonald caught three (3) dogs this morning. He called Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) and was informed they are not accepting dogs because it's full and added that GAIN has done this for over a year already and we are not getting any better and there are a lot of dogs roaming the streets and attacking kids again and school is opening and it's going to get worse.

Vice Mayor Peter John Benavente said, "That with the amount of stray animal dogs throughout the different villages on the island, there's no real concrete solution on how we're going to bring these dogs up. He added that school is right around the corner. Many residents have kids who walk to school and there are a bunch of dogs. We're trying our best as mayors and vice mayors throughout the villages on the island to catch these dogs but let alone when we call GAIN or Mayor Paco to see if we can go to GAIN they're loaded."

Chairman, Mayor Rudy Paco responded that both Mayor McDonald and Ernest Chargualaf called him this morning. He said, "GAIN does not have no room for the dogs and having to store them at mayors' offices we are not running a kennel business. There is a meeting at 2 pm today with Arlene from GAIN at his office.

*President* expressed that the Council had been talking to the administration about infusing more money into animal control to provide more shelters. He will continue to have conversations with the Legislature and the administration about GAIN's capacity and animal control. He said, "The ultimate goal is to eventually transfer all of animal control responsibilities to animal control because after all, it's their responsibility. The executive director and I did meet with Senator Joe San Agustin and that was one of the issues is when you are looking at our operations sometimes you have to consider that we have to do what we are mandated and animal control is not part of our mandate and if it's an animal control issue it needs to be handled by animal control and not the mayor's office."

Vice Mayor Benavente expressed coming up with a solution similar to depredation. *President* commented that there is depredation permit applications to apply for at Dept. of Agriculture.

*President* communicated, "To use the citation as a tool to correct the problem then that is a start. It is a service and benefits the community then that is where our focus should be."

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM MCOG** – *President* expressed that the Council has to contribute to the team in order to be represented under Team GovGuam. Team Captain, Mayor Louise Rivera reported that the Council's goal is \$5,000. At the Team Captains meeting, they are asking \$20 per employee. Council t-shirts are \$25 each. Fundraising social is scheduled for Friday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Gudtaym Lounge in Tamuning and donation is \$10 per person. Tickets are readily available for all Districts.

Eight (8) Districts have submitted their *Village Display and Tour* forms. The American Cancer Society hoped for all nineteen (19) Districts' participation. See Mayor Rivera for the forms. ARC had extended their deadline.

ARC extended the deadline for the purchase of luminarias for the white and gold bags to Friday, August 6 and for online is August 12. White bags are \$15 and gold bags are \$25. Additional \$10 to include a dedication for the video production. The display is at the Phoenix Center the whole month of September.

**Mayor Melissa Savares made a motion that if Council does not reach the goal of \$5,000 to take out the difference from the *Revolving Fund Dues* and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista.** In discussion, Mayor Jessy Gogue said to consider a date to meet the goal. **Mayor Savares made an amendment to the motion that the *Revolving Fund Dues* will pay the balance on the deadline to submit to Team GovGuam. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

The campaign will be on going until November.

## X. NEW BUSINESS –

**1. P.L. 34-130 RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS** – *President* asked that mayors figure out how to include veteran status in their verification form and reminded that the law also required their DD 214 form or other proof of veteran status as a qualifying document. *President* will send a monthly report form so that all the mayors' offices have the same form to submit to the Office of Veteran Affairs. The form would be completed electronically and transmitted to Veteran Affairs.

**2. MAYORS' VERIFICATION** – *President* reported there are three (3) ways Dept. of Revenue & Taxation would accept the All Rise applications. The first is, complete applications with mayors' verifications. The second is, complete applications with only the mayors' verifications pending. The third is incomplete applications. *President* expressed working together to ensure residents get their verifications easily and efficiently.

Mayors have different verification forms with different standard operating procedures. *President* said he had communicated with Lt. Gov. Joshua Tenorio on working to get a standardized system for verifications. Mayor Paul McDonald said he is in favor of a standardized process and once it is achieved, the Body should adopt it.

**3. MCOG LABOR DAY FAMILY PICNIC** – *President* expressed that there would be two (2) options. Discussed at the Officers' meeting, the first would be at Ypao beach or the water park at Onward Beach Resort and it would be catered from the *Revolving Fund account*. *Vice President*, Mayor Robert Hofmann will send out a survey to the 19 villages who would be participating and how many attendees. *President* asked that Districts respond to the survey so that is could be planned accordingly. The Body agreed to have the picnic on Monday.

**4. MCOG CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado volunteered to chair. *President* asked that he put together a committee.

## XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Chaguian Memorial Blessing at 9 a.m., Saturday, August 7 at the site and Mass at 8 a.m., Sunday, August 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes church.

- Dept. of Agriculture's "Field to Fork - Babui" hunt that will take place August 21, 2021 and Fishing Derby starting September 18.
- Quarterly Breakfast Meeting with the governor and lieutenant governor 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 10 the venue TBD.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by ***Sinajana Mayor's Office***.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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