

Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023  
Mayors' Council Conference Room  
Hagåtña, Guam

**MINUTES**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:**

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

**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 JANUARY MINUTES**– Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Rudy Paco. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**– Mayor Dale Alvarez made the motion to approve the reports and seconded by Mayor Paul McDonald. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**COMPETITIVE WAGE ACT** – ED reported Governor Leon Guerrero had sent to the speaker her request to appropriate 16 million to implement the *General Pay Plan* by 22%. He doesn't have all the details but he did verify that MCOG unclassified personnel is part of the *GPP* of 2014.

**NATIONAL OFFICE SUPPLY** –They've corrected and updated their files and found that 18 out of the 19 villages are current. Districts can go ahead and use their purchase orders.

**ARPA ON RENTAL OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT** – Districts who have not submitted to send ED a memo indicating the type of heavy equipment needed, the amount mayors would like to put in that purchase order, and a suggested vendor. ED asked to communicate with the vendor and ask them whether the equipment is available so that MCOG Adm. doesn't give a PO that cannot be used.

**VILLAGE GROWTH DATA FOR CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT**–Pending submittal from one more district in order for MCOG Admn. to start putting together the year-end report for FY2022.

**ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF** –MOA has been signed and is with the Dept. of Administration but the account number has not been established. All the documents have been prepared to issue purchase orders for the first two which are for abandoned vehicles and haulers.

ED sent in a letter requesting that the EPA board released \$1M out of the \$1.5M at last week's board meeting because of the timeframe and because of the delay. Mayors should be getting it, but whatever they requested and looking at their use of these funds from the previous years for how many abandoned vehicles they have, MCOG Admin. will give that to them.

The new fee structure and also under the new \$75,000 per category means that the higher the vendor fees go up, the lower the amount of recyclables that mayors can take.

ED saw the email from Mayor Jesse Gogue that he sent to EPA, The suggestion is very good. Instead of MCOG waiting every year for the same exact MOA, the only thing that's changed is a five-year provision that they approve because there's really nothing

changed in the program except the year and the amount of money. ED hoped that the administrator and the EPA board will take that into consideration.

The Council president wanted to keep on top of that suggestion and see how MCOG can take it further with the EPA board to get it to us to do that.

ED stated that MCOG can also go through the legislative process and ask our oversight chair, Senator Nicholas, to include, because that provision about sending our MOA and having EPA do this is by the budget bill. Every time they appropriate the money out to us from EPA they put a provision in there that we have to have this MOA. So if they just take that provision out.

Mayor Gogue stated, "Instead of including it in the budget bill, we can shift this MOA requirement from the budget bill over to a section of law that applies to Guam EPA and their management of the revolving recycling fund, because that is not in the budget bill. That was something that was codified 10 years ago, where it moved the administration of the revolving recycling funds over to Guam EPA and if we can get that part of the code modified and this relationship established in that part of the code rather than a budget bill, we would be done with this."

**ETHICS TRAINING COMPLIANCE** – ED had reminded the mayors at every meeting because they need to get their employees to go through the required training and to contact the commission for the schedule.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL** –Districts must provide a copy of the oath of office taken by their Municipal Planning Council for file and website posting. ED thanked mayors who have already updated their MPC on their new appointments and reappointments.

**VEHICLES**– From the last report, the purchase order is with Auto Spot and MCOG is waiting for them to fill that order. For mayors who have opted to get SUVs, the PO has not yet been issued because MCOG is still waiting for GSA to give the specs to follow for the pickup trucks.

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD** – ED reported Dr. Won Pat started her work today as the acting superintendent and she would work very closely with all the stakeholders to make sure that these problems that are all servicing now for the facilities are taken care of. ED expressed that if mayors are seeing pictures being made viral of conditions at our schools, those didn't happen yesterday. Those were over a period of time, and some of those pictures keep popping up over and over again, even if some of them were rectified.

A request from the chairperson, Dr. Okada is asking all the mayors if they could ask their sister squadrons to assist in these schools. They'll provide all the materials. They just need help with the labor because right now the facilities maintenance division at GDOE is understaffed. They are asking the PTOs everyone that can and are able to assist in helping get our schools up to par.

Mayor McDonald asked if GDOE would allow mayors to go in and assist on trimming the trees because of it's critical condition. Mayor Melissa Savares said GEB worked with the schools to identify the trees that need to get trimmed and it's the school team that needs to be the one to apply for the permits.



## VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER)** – Mayor Savares reported that she is now on the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee and the chairperson is GEB member Angel Sablan. There'll be a schedule of site visits at the schools with the GEB Board. Once the schedule is ready when there's a site visit for a school in a village, she requested that the mayor attend so that they can see the challenges that the schools are having.

There's a call out for the mayors. The mayors are the ones that know who their sister squadrons and their sister commands are. She stated that we can work with the administrative team of the schools to see the scope of work that needs to be done and then reach out to our squadrons and commands. Some schools are going through accreditation for this upcoming year. Some are midterm accreditation. She asked that they give them a schedule of who those schools are. She asked that the mayors also be a part of the accreditation process.

**USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES FERAL SWINE TASK FORCE** – *President* reported that both he and Mayor Paco are working to get more traps. There are possibly two projects that could yield more traps. If they can get something for everyone, then they will.

**STRAY DOG PROBLEM**–*President* reported that both he and Mayor Paco are working together. There are options that they're looking at to help with the stray dog problem. On the government side, they're looking at the spaying and neutering that's currently going on, but they're looking at shelter expansion. As far as how much that's going to be expanded, they don't know but that is certainly something they're looking into.

Mayor McDonald stated that the Department of Agriculture recently hired eight (8) animal control personnel. He put it on his village group chat letting them know to refer their calls to DoAG. That's when the calls stopped.

*President* expressed that Mayor McDonald was right. Animal control does have more officers and they have been responsive. He knows some mayors have called and echoed those same sentiments to him.

Mayor Savares stated that mayors are all having that difficulty with the packs of dogs. People walk their dogs on leashes in her parks. The packs of loose dogs are running after those families and children on bikes. That's still a challenge for all of the mayors.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Boards and Commissions Appointments –*Council President* We will be renewing those terms, according to the Council President, so this is the second time it's on the agenda. We shall reappoint you for another term if you have not provided me with any information or a note indicating that you do not wish to remain on the board. Don't hesitate to ask him any questions. When the transmission letter to the governor includes your name as a copy, you will know if you have been reappointed. If you do not want to proceed, kindly let me know as soon as possible. once more as an official on a board or commission.

**B. 79<sup>th</sup> Liberation Festivities** – President announced that the honorary Chairpersons are the Governor and Lt. Governor and the committees are:

Liberation Queen Committee: Mayor Rivera and Mayor Savares

Memorial/Ceremonies Committee: Mayor Kevin Susuico and Vice-Mayor Bautista

Parade/Events Committee: President Alig and Vice-President Hofmann

Executive Director Angel Sablan will be playing an integral part in all these celebrations and is working on details to present to the Governor for approval.

The sub-committees can invite others and have their own separate meetings, then we will all come together to report it out to our large committee meeting that will happen every first Wednesday of the month, after our regular meeting. We hope to have all 19 Districts participate by having a Queen candidate and entering the parade.

President made a motion to have all districts participate by using a regular truck and trailer. Seconded by Mayor Savares. A great deal of discussion was made resulting to President amending his motion:

**To agree to use a regular trailer and truck with a competition for all Villages with a cash prize that will be determined by the committee. Seconded by Mayor Gogue. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

**C. Senior Center Operations** - Discussion regarding keeping the Senior Center operations was discussed. It is a continuing discussion that will be taken into consideration for the good of all of us.

**D. Policy Amendments/Proposed Bills** - President sent out a list for all of us to agree on. To address our needs and to be taken up with our oversight chair Senator Dwayne San Nicolas. Comments and Discussion were made. Vice-President Hofmann went thru the list and all agreed. President will set up a meeting inviting all Senators to meet with us regarding our list.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new vendor Nine A located in Sinajana is accepting Purchase Orders for Tires and Tire Repair.

Mayor Savares announced that the Football Association is still accepting sponsorship for the Football for School Program who is bringing in Spider-Man.

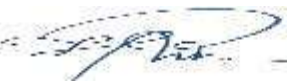
Other new vendors are Half A Day Heavy Equipment in Dededo, Top Shop in Tamuning, and Hannah Enterprise.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Attested by:

Transcribed by:



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

**ELAINE RA SCHAAF**  
Transcriber  
MCOG – Administration