



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Tamuning Senior Center
Tamuning, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:08 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
* BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inarajan
* CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
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
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
* SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofof
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
○ GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
○ LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
○ QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona

○ = ABSENT * = LATE ** = OFF ISLAND R = REPRESENTATIVE

Fifteen (15) members present at time of roll call. No quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

President suspended the Approval of the Agenda, the Minutes, and Treasurer's Report and went directly into the Guest Speakers.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER:

1. Austin J. Shelton, Ph.D., Guam Green Commitment Program, UOG – Sustainability to meet the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs and the Guam Green Growth Initiative (G3) to achieve a more sustainable future for Guam.

Quorum established at 10:33 a.m. *President* moved forward with the Approval of Agenda and to continue on.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the Report and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. *President* announced the agenda being formulated differently by this order to accomplish more during Regular Monthly meetings. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

IV. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Paul McDonald. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

At this time, *President* called on the second guest speaker, Hardy Tan Vy, CEO of Pacific Revolution Corporation who spoke briefly referencing on waste management.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – In the absence of the Treasurer and the report is not ready, *President* asked for a motion to *table* the report. **Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado made the motion to *table* the report and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Requests for Audience will no longer be on the agenda. A draft form was being finalized for the requestor to fill out and submit back. Recording secretary, Elaine Schaaf, will be calling the district mayors if they are *interested* or to *pass*. A total of sixteen (16) *interested* would be needed to allow for a presentation and if not, the requestor would have to communicate directly with the individual mayors.

1. Communications

a. DPW letter on *Unsafe Structures* – Executive Director reminded mayors to identify and submit their list. At the Governor's breakfast last week, Municipal Affairs representative Robert Lizama had informed ED that Sinajana Mayor's Office was the only one that submitted.

b. Pacific Judicial Council Elder Abuse Webinar – A two-part web workshop conducted on February 18-19 to help judges, lawyers, and stakeholders better identify and navigate issues of elder abuse in a variety of court proceedings that may arise.

c. Certificates of Appreciation were given to recognize individuals and businesses that offered different items from Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to food to the villages, senior centers, and adult day care centers during the COVID pandemic.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – *President* had asked Council members during the January Regular Monthly meeting to go through the listing whether or not they wanted to continue to be a representative or if they were not in any but wanted to represent to let him know before the next meeting and it would be discussed then. He received three (3) responses in writing. In the mayors' packet, *President* went through the listing from the Governor's Office that needed to be appointed or reappointed.

COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION – Vice Mayor Peter John Benavente accepted the appointment to represent the Mayors' Council.

GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (CAHA) – No council member submitted an interest except Mayor Jessy Gogue. Mayor Gogue will be retained as representative.

COMMISSION OF HEALING ARTS - No council member submitted an interest. Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista will remain Council representative.

GUAM COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS - No council member submitted an interest. Mayor Vicente Taitague will remain Council representative.

GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL - No council member submitted an interest. Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte will remain Council representative.

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER) - No council member submitted an interest. Mayor Melissa Savares accepted to remain the representative.

GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL - No council member submitted an interest. *President*, Mayor Jesse Alig accepted to remain the representative.

GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY – Current representatives were Mayor Rudy Paco and Mayor Kevin Susuico. Mayor Paco asked to be relieved. *President* asked council members if anyone was interested. Mayor Anthony Chargualaf volunteered. Mayor Susuico will remain.

GUAM SYSTEM OF CARE COUNCIL – Current representative was *President*, Jesse Alig who didn't want to remain and asked council members if anyone was interested. Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado volunteered.

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU – Mayor Robert Hofmann submitted his request. Mayor Rudy Paco and Mayor Louise Rivera expressed interest. *President* called for a vote of the three. Mayor Savares said there could be more than one mayor because of the different committees. *President* expressed that he would include in the letter to the governor indicating that these mayors are interested in being part of the subcommittees if they are not selected as the actual member of the board. **Vote was made by roll call:**

Mayor Robert Hofmann – 5 Ayes

Mayor Rudy Paco – 10 Ayes

Mayor Louise Rivera – 2 Ayes

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL (PEACE) – Mayor Hofmann asked to step down and suggested Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte who would be the new appointee.

WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION – *President* asked Mayor Anthony Chargualaf and he accepted.

COUNCIL ON YOUTH AFFAIRS - Mayor Hofmann asked to be replaced and suggested Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado. Vice Mayor accepted.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS – By statute, Mayor Anthony Chargualaf replaced former mayor Doris Lujan for the Southern Region Community Health Center.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY COMMITTEE – *President* stated this is a new *Standing Committee* added and is a part of something being worked on that is public law. The Executive Officers suggested that the seven vice mayors make up this committee. *President* asked if there were any objections. **There were no objections. At their initial meeting, they are to elect a chairperson.**

REPORTS -

STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU) – Mayor Rudy Paco reported the start of the roundup, Thursday, February 4. He asked mayors who have spare traps to drop them off at the Santa Rita Mayor's Office. At this time, *Mayor Animal Intake Form* was disseminated to Council members. Mayor asked that forms be filled out for felines and canines when turning them in so he can communicate with GAIN.

At this time, *Pet Registration Forms* were disseminated. Mayor is working with GAIN and Mayor Dale Alvarez to begin microchip implants that will cost \$10. Rabies vaccine cost \$57 compared to \$75 veterinarian clinics charge.

President asked to support their efforts so that mayors could effectuate progress and change in the villages.

FUNERAL ESCORT POLICY – Mayor Louise Rivera reported the committee met with Guam Police Chief Steve Ignacio to anticipate the policy be part of Council's *User Fees Schedule*. There were discussions with liability issues and different scenarios mayors faced. Mayor said, "we don't always have the personnel and vehicles up and running and sometimes there are more than one funeral."

Chair, Mayor Kevin Susuico said, "that as mayors we're thinking that we're helping our constituents, but sometimes we're forgetting there's a liability concern," and adding this onto the *User Fees Schedule* might give mayors more of a bigger responsibility in the event one of them or their staff get into any accident. The fee schedule that GPD had was based on \$43 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours per officer. MCOG could follow their fee schedule but should something happen, Council would accept that responsibility. Chief was willing to give training for mayors and their staff to do the right way to stop and do traffic control. Mayor recommended the training because of new mayors and staff.

With the research the committee had done, it was clear that there were a lot of liabilities when doing these type of services for constituents. The committee yielded and recommended to leave it *status quo* and to not put the *policy* in the *User Fees Schedule* and leave it to the individual mayors to decide.

President asked Mayor Susuico to arrange a virtual meeting. Because it would be a large group and the training would take up to 4 hours, Mayor said it would not be virtual. Mayor had recommended to the Chief to break it up into groups. The committee would further plan, reach out to the mayors and see what would work well with their schedules and with GPD. Vice Mayor Albert Toves recommended including an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) training.

ED relayed to the chair to submit their report that the committee recommended *no fees*.

USER FEES SCHEDULE – ED will send a draft to the mayors, give them a deadline to send their recommendations and he will put it on the table for the next regular meeting. ED would have to schedule town hall meetings for northern, central, and southern town hall meetings for the *Triple A* process before the *Schedule* is submitted to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – *Vice President*, Mayor Robert Hofmann reported two proposals submitted to Senator Tony Ada to provide additional revenue streams for mayors and village programs. Once there are hearing dates, Mayor will inform Council members so that they could help support this and call their favorite senators to come out and co-sponsor.

Bill No. 48-36 allowed the MCOG to be eligible to propose projects to the Guam Economic Development Authority's qualifying certificate public investment program. It would amend a portion of the law. The investments include projects sponsored by village mayors and municipal planning councils

Bill No. 47-36 would transfer control of the Tourist Attraction Funds (TAF) grants program to the Board of Directors of Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB). It would allow 50% of the fund balance to projects in the villages.

The committee did several proposals that deal with health, policy, and for the mayors in general. The committee hoped to get this done this fiscal year and get it in before the budget cycle or included in the budget cycle so it would take in effect the next fiscal year.

President said there are quite a few things the committee is working on that would be beneficial to the mayors and the information would be shared as it develops.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM – *President* reported meeting with the deputy director and two of their staff and the bottom line about the funding was that mayors' submission of invoices in a timely manner is the most important to remember and because mayors' are not submitting invoices timely and properly, everybody's money is held up. Because mayors' have been talking about wanting to have the money available year round, EPA is determined and willing to help mayors' have access to this money year round but the problem in the end is if they are waiting on invoices from the mayors' office, they are not going to approve any money. *President* had shared this with the Governor and the Speaker and they are in agreement even after their conversations with GEPA.

President said Council could get a direct appropriation but the administration of the RRF is another issue; Council would have to amend the law for the administration of the RRF to be given to the mayors. Mayor McDonald said, "That's what we should do, to not delay the cleanup. It's frustrating for them to question us on everything we dump in the bin and I don't see why EPA would have to make a big deal out of it and with managing the invoices so that we can get on with it. We did monitor it, we did keep a list but they're still giving us problems so we should take away that responsibility, we refine it and make it easier for us. It's too much red tape going on with EPA. We should revisit that law."

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf echoed the same sentiments and to give the mayors sufficient time because they get purchase orders late in the fiscal year trying to work with prioritized phases.

President expressed that this is a lot of money and the Council needs it, and to fill out invoices completely, properly, sign what needs to be signed and turn them in to the Council so that it can be submitted on time.

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT CITATION TRAINING – *President* stated that this is the follow up that Superior Court suggested. Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 and will be virtual. Council is waiting for GPD to respond to the meeting date. This training is important because mayors need to properly issue citations.

2. GUMA GRANT, "I BISINUM MAMI" – THE 19 VILLAGES PROJECT – *President* reminded Council members of the strategic planning sessions at 9 a.m., Thursday and Friday, February 4-5 at the Agat Community Center. These sessions are meant for people to help put the plans together for each village that is part of the larger plan. *President* asked that a representative or a member of their municipal planning council be sent if they are not able to attend. *President* asked for a motion for the purchases of food and drinks. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to provide morning refreshments, lunch and drinks for Thursday and Friday at the I Bisinum Mami Village Project and seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

3. CONGRESSMAN MIKE SAN NICOLAS – RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENTS – *President* stated that congressman's letter asked for a Council resolution by January 20 but was not received until January 27. He asked the Body's decision on how to proceed. At last month's meeting, Council did have a request from an individual and he had asked the Body to review it for discussion at the next meeting but subsequent to that he received the recommended nominations from the congressman for not only that individual but for other individuals to the Biden-Harris administration. **Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion for a Council resolution to approve congressman's recommended nominations. Mayor Paul McDonald second the motion.** In discussion, Mayor McDonald queried on James Espaldon's case in Saipan and stated that it would be embarrassing for him to be nominated if he still has that case ongoing and to annotate it to the congressman. *President* asked Mayor if he was amending his motion. **Mayor McDonald made an amendment to the initial motion to send a resolution of support for everyone except for James Espaldon. The motion failed.**

On the initial motion, in discussion, the concern Mayor Savares had was of certainty that Saipan Delegate Kalili Sablan sent in his recommendations for the region further expressing the list being long for Council members to blanket support for these high positions and not all of them are from Guam. *President* commented if any member would

like to send a resolution or letter of support for these nominations they could have it done in their official capacity for specific nominees the congressman listed.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf echoed the same sentiments of Mayor Savares, questioning why some of the nominees lived off island even if the candidates were of Chamorro descent, what were they doing representing Guam if they did not live on Guam.

A Roll Call vote for of one (1) Aye in support of a Council resolution. Twenty (20) Nays. The motion failed.

GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER (GBHWC) LETTER OF SUPPORT – *President* expressed that this is to support their application for the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2021 Mental Health Awareness Training grants. **Mayor Savares made the motion to approve the letter of support and seconded by Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado.** In discussion, *President* asked that Council members work together as a group, reach out to them to provide the services to the communities because there are serious issues in the villages.

Mayor Savares expressed having them train people in the communities and for the recreation leaders especially if they are working in senior citizen centers because in the evenings any facilities mayors' have turn in to a community facility. Mayor said to include in the letter of support that they also train staff and MPC members as well.

No further discussions or objections. The motion passed unanimously.

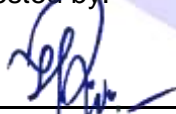
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Relative to Guam Dept. of Education, Mayor Savares asked Council members to send their issues or concerns at least by Monday before their board meetings which is every 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Mayor Paco announced to Council members to give him a head count of canines being turned in to GAIN.
- Mayor Hofmann said he remembered at Government House it was talked about asking Guam Power Authority to come in to talk about street lights so it can be scheduled soon. *President* said it would be scheduled.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Inarajan Mayor's Office.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

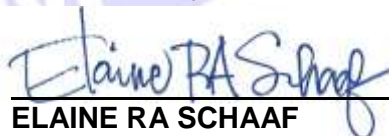
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



ATTENDANCE SHEET

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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.	Talofofo	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
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Austin Shelton	UOG	686-2270	
Corey Sanjay	UOG	403-3640	
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Chris Blas	WSTCO	482-6902
Charles Castro	FDI	929-3771
Samantha Guzman	Macys	929-6832
Ryan Torres	Macys	688-8383
Ina Lee	Hon Kook Wholesale	488-2800
DANIEL COGAR	Red Cross	689-6915
JUN WUVE NIKERIO	VIP HOUSE / KIAMO. ENT	987-1795
Michael Contraco	PUI	800-6280
Keiko Nakayama	DPS	488-5355
Catherine Galsin	DPS	685-4477
Archie Park	DPS	488-6325
Margie Nicolas	ARC	688-0650
GRACE QUAN SH		688-8177
Aaron Lee	Hon Kook Wholesale	
Kim Soon Nam	" " "	
Lee Sam Rara	" " "	
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