



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa Savares called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LUJAN, Doris F.	Mayor	Inarajan
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Ha
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofofo
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
<input type="radio"/> BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
<input type="radio"/> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<input type="radio"/> DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
<input type="radio"/> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<input type="radio"/> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<input type="radio"/> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon

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

Sixteen (16) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
 Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
 Recording Secretary

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- III. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of November and December 2019 – **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – December 2019 and January 2020 - **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Reports* and seconded by Mayor June Blas.** In discussion, Mayor Jessy Gogue queried if the remaining balance for *grounds maintenance* was carried over. *Treasurer* acknowledged yes. **No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**
- V. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
1. **Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2020)**
 - a. Guam Police Department
 - b. DOCOMO and GTA
 - c. Juanita Blaz, Executive Director, Island Girl Power "Friends of the Parks" Campaign
 - d. JLawrence Cruz, Coordinator, DSC, DPHSS – 2020 Senior Citizens Month
 - e. Christine C. Fejeran, Coop. Fire Program Manager, Guam Dept. of Agriculture Preparations for fire season
 - f. FSM Consul General Teresa M. Filepin

ED reported that GPD, DOCOMO, and FSM had confirmed their presentation. Requested by Council members, GPD will talk on issues of vehicles left at village roadsides and funeral escorts. Issues with DOCOMO and GTA regarding phone pedestals and cable/internet line maintenance around the villages. Through the initiative of Mayor Rudy Paco to meet with Consul General yesterday, she would like to share with Council members what she had discussed on what she is doing for the FSM citizens as far as trying to be able to offer some solution to the current things that are happening especially with crime.

Mayor Jesse Alig motioned for *a*, *b*, *e*, and *f* to present on January 15 in that order. Mayor Rudy Paco amended the motion for only *a*, *f*, and *c*.

Mayor Robert Hofmann agreed with the selection made by Mayor Alig, but to have a separate date for GPD and FSM or have the other requests for January 22.

Mayor Alig suggested to have all requests on the same day because it would be hard to get all council members attendance for a special meeting.

Mayor Jessy Gogue stated that neither motion had been seconded. Mayor Hofmann seconded the motion made by Mayor Alig for disposal purposes.

Mayor Hofmann amended the motion to requests *b*, *e*, *c*, then *d* for the 10 a.m. slots and have GPD and FSM together so they both could hear mayors issues and concerns. Mayor Paco seconded the motion. In discussion, Mayor Alig addressed Sergeant-At-Arms, Vice Mayor Jesse Bautista to make sure mayors and vice mayors were on time and he acknowledged. *President* stated that *d* would be in February since Senior Citizens Month is in May. **No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

2. Communications

a. **Mrs Joyce Martratt; Civilian retirement** – ED announced her retirement from service with the 36th Wing Andersen Air Force Base on December 31, 2019. Her recognition celebration is at 2 p.m., January 15, 2020 at Guam Hilton Resort. The Mayors' Council would present to her a certificate of appreciation. Invitations were sent out to all mayors and vice mayors. *President* expressed to colleagues to RSVP by Friday, January 10 to Alana Chargualaf.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **CLOSEOUT REPORT MCOG 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Chairman Mayor Rudy Paco thanked all the mayors making this event a success and allowing their staff to be part of this event. Co-chair Mayor June Blas reported \$1,205 balance for Christmas 2020. *President* stated that Agat Mayor, Barrigada mayor, and Dededo had volunteered for 2020 preparations and asked that a venue be secured for a Saturday. *President* thanked Mayor Paco and his committee.

2. **K-57 VILLAGE TALK SHOW PROGRAM** – ED expressed that he had not heard back from Kyle Mandapat but he did say mayors would start this month. *President* reminded Council members that the slot was for one-hour on a Thursday once a week from 12 noon to 1 pm. to promote upcoming events or festival activities in the villages or bring in partners in the community or MPC members.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

SENATOR JAMES C. MOYLAN; DRAFT LEGISLATION – *President* recognized and gave the floor to Senator Moylan who expressed that the last time he was at the Council, he discussed a draft legislation how to help prevent a similar situation in Yona and since that time, there had been four (4) other bills that had already been introduced by the legislature. He reviewed those bills and probably some of them would make it to the floor. He had decided to do a change; what he had in mind on the original draft that he discussed. He made some adjustments to focus on what he saw missing on those other bills proposed.

His draft legislation was disseminated to Council members. It would focus on the quorum and voting process. Every municipality would represent one (1) vote versus where every mayor and vice mayor counts as one (1) party. Nothing in this act would take away the voice of the vice mayor, rather it would promote one (1) voice and one (1) vote per village. Senator hoped for the Body's satisfaction and endorsement.

President opened the floor.

Mayor Jesse Alig stated this is what the Council was looking for and would support it.

Mayor Robert Hofmann echoed the same sentiments and stated senator to introduce the draft legislation.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that over the decades there were stories heard and you come across situations where the mayor and vice mayor weren't on the same page and it would be to the benefit and the community themselves with vice mayors that they actually come in and get elected as a team versus two (2) individuals; a vice mayor has disagreements with their mayor, the vice mayor then has really no authority because it's the mayor that ultimately controls the funding, etc. related to their village. Mayor Gogue stated that this is just his thoughts.

President stated that collectively this is something the Body needed to agree as a Council because a mayor and vice mayor would want to see their municipal planning council make that decision and recommendation and not disagree. *President* told Senator Moylan to put the bill in.

1. **2020 LIBERATION** – Discussed at the Officers meeting, ED expressed that they wanted the 76th just as successful as the 75th although there would be challenges because corporate sponsors and people who donated for the 75th may not donate for the 76th. The consensus of the *Officers* is that Council asked an entity that has a better ability and chance of putting together the 76th and doing it successfully. The Guam Visitors Bureau came to mind because they were experienced in putting fairs and festivals but they also had the funding sources and it is the same time of the Guam Micronesia Island Fair. If Council members agreed, a letter would be drafted to the governor asking to allow the Mayors' Council to allow the opportunity to ask another entity to sponsor the Liberation festivities.

Mayor Paul McDonald expressed that it would be a good thought to ask the governor to combine Liberation and the GMIF since GVB is expending which would save the Council headaches again to organize and that the funding would be there already. Mayor said he agreed with the suggestion.

Mayor Kevin Susuico expressed that he would prefer to undertake his memorials.

Mayor Gogue remarked that it is something maybe Council not just wanted to request but have it codified; moving the Council out of being responsible for the Guam Island Fair/Liberation and giving it to an entity that has the time and the resources to coordinate these activities so that mayors could focus on what the people expect them to do for their community.

Mayor Hofmann expressed that even with OPA's ruling in December about soliciting, it is really difficult for any government entity to do that and he thinks the Guam Chamber of Commerce or Guam Hotel Restaurant Association should organize these kinds of events because it eliminates all other problems we eventually have in terms of government time, non-government time, soliciting, procurement. Mayor doesn't think the Council should limit themselves to GVB, it could be a foundation, a historic group, a non-profit, the museum, it could be a whole new entity.

ED stated that it is on the agenda this early because, "we want to make sure we give an opportunity to whoever is selected because the statute right now says the Mayors' Council of Guam can select a private non-profit organization, a private corporation or whoever it is that can come forward and sponsor Liberation." That is the option the Council is taking this year. Council will meet with the governor early on within this month and asked Municipal Affairs representative Robert Lizama if he could set that up and get this going because whoever is going to take it needs some lead time and Council wanted to make sure it doesn't fall back and have the mayors stuck again with running something.

Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that there is someone else out there that has the expertise that can make anything happen. Mayor agreed with Mayor Susuico that the mayors with *memorials* should still be involved with the ceremonies.

ED stated they would meet first with the governor and place this discussion under *unfinished business* at February's *Regular Monthly Meeting* and report out to Council members.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES – ED congratulated Mayor Jessie Gogue who was appointed by Governor Leon Guerrero to be on the board.

FSM CITIZENS TASK FORCE – ED reported Mayor Rudy Paco had set up a meeting with FSM Consulate yesterday, January 7 to discuss issues. Joining the mayor was Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista and ED. Consul General Teresa Filepin overlooked Mayors' Council representation on this task force. The first two representatives are Mayor Paco and Vice Mayor Bautista.

2. MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES – No reports.

RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS – ED reported Council would get funds from GuamEPA but before they are released all mayors and their administrative assistants would go through orientation. There's a setback in trying to clear some invoices because they were without documentation. All nineteen districts have the same form. The reason why some villages were able to fill out the forms and others did not is simply because maybe their administrative assistant did not follow what they were supposed to do.

Before purchase orders are issued this year Council would make sure everybody comes in and goes to the orientation with Sabrina Cruz-Sablan so that she gets exactly what she's looking for when it comes to documentation and reports and those villages that do not appear for this orientation, their PO's would be held back until they attend the orientation.

Council is looking at \$1.3M again this fiscal year for the same items; white goods, abandoned vehicles, loose metals, electronics, tires, and green waste. The month of February is anticipated to get things going.

GMS GRASS CUTTING – ED reported speaking with deputy superintendent Stacy Coletta who informed him that GDOE have already done their bid conference. Many of the same vendors mayors had used obtained information and are selecting schools to work for. ED asked mayors to assist the schools in the meantime.

VENDOR PAYMENTS – *President* gave the floor to municipal affairs representative Robert Lizama who reported that ED requested the pushing of vendor payments; what were given to Mr. Lizama were ERC, Benson, Xerox, and National Office Supply. Dept. of Administration's response was "first in, first out" and "no invoices were submitted." DOA looked at their books and they were pretty much at the 30-day payouts.

ED responded that, "it is for invoices that posted. They've got tons of invoices not posted." ED stated that he verified with administrative assistant Mary Cruz-Sablan that all the FY2019 invoices are all there. Mr. Lizama said he would look into it.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Melissa Savares announced the distribution of mosquito spray bottles by DPHSS Dengue Control Unit. They asked that mayors identify high risk for possible breeding areas where families are in need. The schedule for village distribution to be e-mailed.

➤ **Today's luncheon** hosted by *Umatac Mayor's Office*.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paul McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Council Executive Secretary
16th Mayors' Council of Guam

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