



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2019  
Mayors' Council Conference Room  
Hagåtña, Guam

*President* gave the floor to Dr. Robert A. Underwood on who presented on Kumision I Fino'CHamoru. He asked mayors to identify three (3) individuals in their respective districts who have a clear understanding of place names and the history of these placements. He also asked mayors to identify ten (10) people from each district who they thought would be the most conversive in Chamorro. The idea is to document five (5) areas of culture; medicinal, artisanal crafts, fishing, farming, and spirituality who could identify and explain these methods in Chamorro.

The second project is to document the state of the Chamorro language as it is depicted today.

*President* introduced and gave the floor to Phyliss Leon Guerrero, director of DISID. Ms. Leon Guerrero briefly spoke of clients who are developmental delayed adults to try to get them integrated into the community specifically in to the mayors offices. Director Leon Guerrero hoped to bridge a relationship and to have clients interact and engage.

## MINUTES

*President* announced *Minutes* and *Treasurer's Report* tabled until one more member comes in to make a quorum.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa Savares called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| ALVAREZ, Dale E.     | Mayor      | Santa Rita            |
| BAUTISTA, Jessie P.  | Vice Mayor | Barrigada             |
| BENAVENTE, Frank A.  | Vice Mayor | Dededo                |
| BLAS, June U.        | Mayor      | Barrigada             |
| CRUZ, John A.        | Mayor      | Hagåtña               |
| DUENAS, Thomas J.    | Vice Mayor | Mangilao              |
| 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-Harmon |
| SALAS, Frankie A.    | Mayor      | Asan-Maina            |
| SAVARES, Melissa B.  | Mayor      | Dededo                |
| TAITAGUE, Vicente S. | Mayor      | Talofoto              |

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| ○ ALIG, Jesse L.G.         | Mayor      | Piti                  |
| ○ BLAS, Jesse M.           | Mayor      | Yona                  |
| ○ CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.    | Mayor      | Merizo                |
| ○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.  | Vice Mayor | Agat                  |
| ** GOGUE, Jessy C.         | Mayor      | Chalan Pago-Ordot     |
| ○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.         | Vice Mayor | Sinajana              |
| ○ SUSUICO, Kevin T.        | Mayor      | Agat                  |
| ○ SANCHEZ, Anthony P.      | Vice Mayor | Yigo                  |
| ○ SANTOS, Kenneth C.       | Vice Mayor | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon |
| ○ UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G. | Mayor      | Mangilao              |

**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

**II. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

**III. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of June 5, 2019 – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* subject to corrections and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

ED made an announcement that there would not be a July *Special Monthly* meeting due to Liberation festivities and Districts preparing their parade float entries.

**1. Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, **August 21, 2019**)**

- a. Senator Telo Taitague - Road Surveys
- b. Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.- e-Community Alert System
- c. Tomas Diego, Entertainment Guam - Village activities and Events Website
- d. Fe Valencia-Ovalles, President – Guam Marianas Training Center

**Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the requests in the same order and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

**2. Communications**

a. **SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PH.D. – P.L. 35-23** – ED reported a mayor representative as mandated in this law for the *I Estoria-ta: Inetnon Estudion I Umali'e' yan Umafana' I Taotao Hiyong Yan Taotao Tano'* Commission. President had appointed Umatac Mayor Johnny Quinata. The commission's first meeting is 10 a.m., Friday, July 5. at the legislature.

b. **FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET HEARING** - Mayor's Council of Guam hearing is on Friday, 12 July 2019 at the Public Hearing Room, Guam Legislature at 9 a.m. Mayor Robert Hofmann expressed that on the budget side, even just invoices, direct payments, it creates a backlog outside the normal process he hoped of not seeing prior obligations because it would create a delay on Dept. of Administration's side.

c. **PHILIPPINES MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE** – Mayor Robert Hofmann stated that with the new administration there is a referral office that wants to do a presentation at the soonest of what the system is now, the process that's in place and to give an update. They are working with PhilMD St. Luke's Medical Center. Mayor said he could find out what's their available earliest time and send it to Elaine Schaaf then call a special meeting.

**Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve Council asking the Philippines Medical Referral PhilMD to appear before the Council at their convenience on a special meeting. Seconded by Mayor Johnny Quinata. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **75<sup>TH</sup> LIBERATION FESTIVITIES UPDATE** – *President* reminded the Body to register parade entries and submit to Agana Heights Mayor's Office. ED reported Parade registration deadline is Friday, July 5.

*President* thanked Districts who entered the contest for a queen candidate and congratulated Santa Rita Mayor's Office. Queen's mass is at 10 a.m., Sunday, July 14 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The *Memorials* start this weekend beginning with the Manenggon Memorial March/Run on Sunday, July 7.

Raffle drawing is Monday, July 22 at the carnival grounds. *President* encouraged districts who have unsold tickets to come to the carnival because there is a designated space in front of the entertainment area that would be authorized for selling such as the commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Liberation book that sells for forty-five dollars.

ED stated if there are mayors that are requesting to reserve a slot along the parade route, it would be fifty dollars per slot with a seventy-five dollar clean up fee. There is a 2 p.m. meeting today with the front office and he needed to know now because if they don't ask for it then they would have to line up with the regulars.

2. **4<sup>TH</sup> MARIANAS HISTORY CONFERENCE REQUEST TO HOST OPENING RECEPTION** –ED stated that this request was tabled from previous *Regular Monthly* meetings because the event is on August 31. Mayor Paul McDonald asked how much are they asking for. *President* stated they are requesting to host the opening reception. Mayor Paul McDonald asked for how many people. Mayor Robert Hofmann responded two hundred people. ED suggested to table this until the August Regular Monthly meeting. **Mayor Hofmann moved to table until the August meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

3. **MCOG 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Chairman, Mayor Rudy Paco stated that a five hundred dollar deposit was needed to secure the venue at Sheraton Hotel. **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve five hundred dollars from the Membership Dues fund. Seconded by Mayor Johnny Quinata. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

4. **DRT – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE EINS** – ED reminded the Body to submit their EIN. Only six (6) Districts submitted. He expressed that if there is a District that is not up to date or not current in paying their taxes, DRT could cancel everybody. In order to avoid that, they want your EIN. That is DRT's recommendation. If later on you apply for something and they don't give you a permit, it's because you don't have an EIN. ED expressed that it's a ten minute process online or on the phone.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY MEETINGS** – Mayor Paul McDonald queried if anything good ever came up with these meetings. *President* gave the floor to Mayor Louise Rivera. Mayor Rivera expressed that there were a lot of people after this meeting who came up to her and said those are the kids you need to bring in to these meeting because all the ones that made time to be there were all prominent people already in the community. The people we have issues with, we need to reveal who they are. Mayor expressed that she had a whole album on her phone of different people that had committed crimes, people who were drunk, who litter, trashed places, a lot of residence in the community that are not good neighbors. Mayor said she had all the problem people that are documented and these are not who they are seeing and it is not only Chuukese, Yapese or Palauans, it is Chamorros as well. People shouldn't be racist. Many times there are crimes that are committed. Unfortunately the ones that are screaming out about it, and that issue at the time, just happened to be someone of a certain race. People that are committing the crimes are the ones we need to bring in. Make it mandatory for all those at Hemlani Apartments to be at these meetings, even their leaders can bring them, provide transportation; get a bus over there so that they could attend these meetings. Now, we're just happy that it is out there, where the governor has moved things and making it to be out there and more public and we can continue to share the awareness; share the knowledge.

Mayor McDonald expressed he had hoped that the police department would enforce the curfew law and that the laws could be amended to make parents pay every time they break curfew. Mayor hoped that at the end of these meetings, the front office could come up with a solution. Municipal Affairs representative Robert Lizama stated that they are working on it.

*President* expressed that the meeting in Dededo is tonight. There are business owners who are from the FSM that are in her community. The people from Micronesia Renewable Energy live in Dededo and have formed a group to do a wave at 4:30 this afternoon then march over to the meeting.

Mayor Rivera stated doing something as a Council to make it more solid and make sure they be held accountable, something they could attach to their property tax when they refuse the bill. *President* expressed that this is something that needs to be visited with the Legislature, Land Management, Public Works, and the Governor after we identify these situations and also Chamorro Land Trust needs to be included.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **GUAM CRIME STOPPERS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP** – *President* announced if anybody is interested the tournament is in August and the solicitation letter and sponsorship is attached in today's meeting packet. ED expressed that they are asking the MCOG to help sponsor. Their lowest package is \$500. **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve \$1,000 from the *Membership Dues* fund. Seconded by Mayor Doris Lujan.** In discussion, Mayor Robert Hofmann expressed that he is worried if the MCOG starts doing one sponsorship then everybody else is going to ask. **A vote by a show of hands. Five (5) yeas. Eight (8) nays. Motion failed.**

2. **RIGALU FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP** – *President* announced a letter and sponsorship form for a tournament on Saturday, July 6 if anybody is interested. It is attached in today's meeting packet. ED expressed that they are asking whether MCOG can help sponsor. Their lowest package is \$1000. *President* stated that mayors are to do this on their own.

3. **BUS STOP INVENTORY** – *President* announced that this inventory is specifically for each of the nineteen villages to identify bus shelters in dire need of repair. A letter from GDOE Deputy Superintendent Stacey Coletta and a list of shelters for each district were disseminated in today's meeting.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – No reports.
2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President announced a Town Hall meeting tonight in Dededo regarding public safety.
- Mayor Louise Rivera announced a public hearing tonight in Tamuning for a zone change.
- Robert Lizama, Special Assistant to the Governor of Municipal Affairs reported:
  - Animal control phone number is back in service at 300-7965.
  - Typhoon Wutip overtime is at BBMR then to Dept. of Admin.
  - Bureau of Statistics and Plan is requesting audience with Merizo, Santa Rita, and Umatac Mayor's Offices to explain the process in terms of Army Corps of Engineers regarding areas identified by the mayors' with erosion and flooding issues; mitigation.
  - Grass cutting MOU was being worked on between MCOG, DOC, Office of the Attorney General, and himself and now the DOC director had some other concerns about the MOU. Once cleared it would be sent back to the MCOG for approval. Schools are one of the areas they are concerned about because the MCOG is receiving funding for the GMS.
  - Village outreach meetings: Dededo is 7/3/19, Yigo is 7/24/19, Agana Heights is 7/31/2019. Meetings are scheduled based on the mayor's call. The Governor's outreach is to fact find. They had identified the issues and facts from the Mangilao meeting and they want to hear from all areas as much as they could. They are working on finding solutions. Mr. Lizama had attended FSA Association meetings and expressed that they are engaged as leaders in trying to find solutions. The courts are involved and engaged as well; there are representatives who attend these meetings. When this is all

done, in terms of the outreach, then they will sit down and start getting the people involved to begin formulating what is their next step. Mr. Lizama had suggested that the governor look at a task force that continues year round.

- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Mongmong-Toto-Maite Mayor's Office**.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vicente Taitague moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Johnny Quinata. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Attested by:



**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

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