



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
* ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Sânta Rita-Sumai
V BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalâhan
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
V GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
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
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
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
O BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
O BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hâgat
O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O/R McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights

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

President wanted to confirm that everyone sent in written notice of their virtual participation, Madam Secretary, Mayor Louise Rivera said two had sent in their notice. *President* reminded everyone that a written notice to the secretary is important. If you are not going to be present and you're going to attend by virtual that written notice will be attached to our attendance roll.

Mayor Robert Hofmann made a motion to excuse some of the members who are out sick. Seconded by Mayor Melissa Savares. In discussion, *President* asked who were the specific mayors. Mayor Hofmann replied it was Dededo vice mayor, Mangilao mayor and Agana Heights mayor. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM/GUAM HYMN

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and was seconded by Vice Mayor Albert Toves. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the July report and was seconded by Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado. In discussion, Mayor Anthony Chargualaf queried on a \$10K Liberation donation. *President* responded that the \$10K was initially received as Liberation sponsorship through GVB and because the Guam Island Fair account was not yet fixed to receive the deposit, it was deposited into the Mayors' Council Revolving Fund. Council members will notice in the next report that it'll be taken out of the revolving fund and deposited into the Guam Island Fair account so there's no real revenue for the revolving fund. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AG OPINION ON COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS – MCOG will need at least sixteen (16) members to constitute a quorum and a vote of at least fourteen (14) to render an action effective. Participation via video platform shall meet the requirements for a quorum. A written request to participate via a virtual platform is required. Requests shall be attached to the minutes of said meeting.

ED communicated that written requests need to be submitted to the executive secretary. At the same time, MCOG needs to change some of the provisions in the bylaws. Council president will later talk about setting up a committee.

GUMA SERENIDAD – An emergency receiving home facility in Yigo which is in the same building as Adult Day Care North, as of July 1 became under the Mayors' Council's control because Catholic Social Services contract had ended. This is a 24-hour operation with one client that's there. MCOG is working out the paperwork with DPHSS Division of Senior Citizens. ED had tasked Maria Timoteo to work closely with public health and she is making sure that while MCOG is waiting for these employees to be put on board, that ADC assist in manning the facility until such time.

ARPA FUNDS – ED had a meeting with BBMR director Lester Carlson and Tyler Bautista about the usage of the \$46,000 in the ARPA VOMBPS account because they're disallowing some of the requests for the purchase orders. He tried to clarify that but their only response is to take whatever is not qualified and JV that out into the regular VOMBPS account. Several Districts have already used up their accounts, but invoices have not yet been processed by Dept. of Administration. What's happening is they will not allow food, paper products, or uniforms to be used under that account. It can be used for office supplies, cleaning supplies, equipment, and fuel. When MCOG Admin. gets the requisition, it is scanned and sent to BBMR to make sure that the requisition or the usage of that account is allowed by ARPA.

President gave comment that at the onset of discussions with the governor regarding MCOG's shortfall, it was mentioned. The governor is aware that mayors' were in need of additional funding for the fiscal '21 and '20 shortfall. MCOG did submit a summary of what the total costs were going to be. The money was received to supposedly cover the shortfall through ARPA, but because of those ineligible expenses, it wasn't truly covering the shortfall. He is talking to them about how MCOG is going to cover the actual shortfall in operations and taking a look at the fiscal '21 shortfall of somewhere around \$400K that could come out of somewhere other than ARPA so there's more flexibility in its use so that mayors' can purchase what they need to purchase. He is aware that some mayors were not able to do some of the after-school programs with the money they received and were trying to use ARPA money and other money that they might have. He is working with Adelup on a way to resolve that issue.

ED reminded mayors that the \$100K is for beautification and recycling. Some of the MCOG ARPA was used for recycling abandoned vehicles for those villages that have exceeded or exhausted their allocation under the recycling revolving fund.

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – ED reported funds of \$350K was uploaded by Dept. of Administration and purchase orders for bins to haul white goods and green waste will be ready next week.

Continue to submit requests for additional funding for those that have already exhausted their revolving recycling fund purchase orders.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS (ESF) GRANT – The council president and ED are waiting for Stephanie Flores to set up a meeting together with BBMR and DOA regarding *The Leader In Me* and after school program to find another way to disperse it. The way it is right now through procurement it would not be able to. This funding will not expire on September 30. It carries over so mayors will not lose that money.

ED said in statute for MCOG, a provision for a municipal fund that actually had never been used. It's an account that you can put in \$25,000 and above for your uses. They are looking at that statute to see whether or not it can be used to give the money through their municipal fund, which in turn would allow mayors and their MPC to make the decision on how they expand that money.

QUARTERLY REPORTS – Submission of Appropriated and Non-Appropriated Fund reports are due July 11. It does not include ARPA or ESF money.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR
- Tentatively scheduled for 7:30 am, August 11. MCOG is hosting. Venue TBD.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM ELDER JUSTICE CENTER – *President* reported that their advisory council is finding that because they're going out to the senior citizen centers, there were more requests for other services, like probate, deed of gift, and actual guardianship over an adult. Because those are not approved services, the EJC cannot provide that to the Manåmko' but the advisory council is working on figuring out how to get through the Public Defender Corporation to get that as an allowable service. That just is based on the MOU and the grant money that was received. He will keep Council members posted as it proceeds.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS – Mayor Savares reported that the team does outreaches to isolated areas that are in the villages and if mayors have an area that has never been visited for outreach, as far as immunizations vaccines by public health, to let her know, or Mayor Tony Chargualaf or Mayor Ungacta. If it's an area in your village that is not accessible to mass transit or near clinics, that would be an area that they would like to go to or paratransit so that the team can put that on the schedule for the next community outreach.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES –

President stated that he would like to put a committee together to revisit and edit MCOG bylaws and to address membership requirements, voting requirements, and all other edits that are necessary. He asked Mayor Savares to be the chairperson and Mayor Louise Rivera to be the vice chairperson and if anyone else would like to be a part of that committee, ED will also be in those meetings. His issues are the new items to be required. The first requirement is to send in writing to the secretary if joining virtually, in order to count their attendance and to account for their vote. The requirement for fourteen (14) for a quorum and for approval, and the way meetings are conducted should be addressed. ED expressed to add another issue for the committee regarding voting correctly under Robert's Rules of Order.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES – *President* announced that there were only two village float entries so far according to GVB. Have staff register online and submit because that would be their placement in the parade. He reminded Council members that it was voted on and approved unanimously for a trailer-size float for the nineteen (19) villages.

Mayor Dale Alvarez queried about candidates for a queen. *President* responded that the proposed sponsor didn't go through with it. They did not push through with it and there were some questions and some legal issues about it that would cause some kind of precedence and it was too rushed. At the end of the day, it was easier not to do it.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf queried with the people's choice award if there's an active campaign to let the public at large know that that's the way to vote for the float. *President* said GVB and KUAM is a sponsor for that and will be working on it. It will come out next week on how the voting will be for all the floats, including the village floats.

Districts need to set up and be present during that 7:00 a.m timeframe at their staging site on the parade route because the sponsors will take photos of their float and should look ready to be judged because it will be posted on social media through KUAM. The most likes will win per category.

With the foster care float, Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado reported putting in the group chat request for materials sufficient enough to build a 40-foot trailer. The foster care community is asking if they can ride and also walk around the float. The float will be mostly of pre-built materials. There are a couple of more items needed on the list if mayors are willing to assist that list is on the group chat. *President* asked that Council members take a look at the list that was sent this morning and that every village support by donating something and getting it to them as soon as they can.

President wanted to acknowledge the work of Mayor Bill Quenga for the Mañenggon and the Asinan Memorial ceremony but to sincerely apologize to the mayors that were at that ceremony that were not recognized. Specifically he thanked Mayor Frankie Salas, Mayor Tony Chargualaf, Mayor June Blas, Vice Mayor Jesse Bautista and MCOG executive director for their participation for whatever reason they were not recognized and even the military was recognized and for him, all local elected officials need to be recognized before the military. He said he will make sure that in all other ceremonies that he attends that if any other elected officials are going to be recognized that mayors are also recognized. He said for future memorials and if mayors are available, to please join the mayors at their ceremonies.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **COMMUNITY CRIMES TASK FORCE** – *President* stated that at the officer's meeting, it was discussed that if there were any other ways to address some of the crimes in the villages, to see how mayors could be a part of it or how mayors could help in their work. He recognized and gave the floor to GPD Chief Steve Ignacio and Captain Kim Santos and Sergeant Paul Tapao. Their objective is with the neighborhood watch group to go back out and reengage with the mayors and find out what are the issues that are going on. The community crimes task force was formed to be more connected to the villages, the neighborhood watch groups and the communities so that they can work together and mayors have a direct link to the Guam police department and because there's a lot going on in the community that they wanted to know about.

Capt. Santos expressed that the chief's idea is that he wanted the task force to be out and be ready to respond especially when mayors have needs in their villages to address their concerns because they vary from one village to the other. Some villages have more domestic violence cases, child neglect, and child abuse cases, and then other villages have multiple thefts that are occurring. The task force also monitors social media. They have had multiple drug arrests and there's a lot more out there on the streets. They've handled high-profile cases, people who have been victimized on a couple of embezzlement cases, thefts, and they've brought those to resolution through arrests. These are along the lines of some of the tasking they have done.

President gave the floor to Alan Toves, Jr, a youth summer intern assigned to the department's auxiliary services division community affairs office and a youth participant in GPD's youth summer program project. In a presentation by GPD domestic assault response team, the officer talked about domestic violence and sexual assault cases they handled and how their efforts are made to ensure the safety of the survivor and about their role in helping the survivor with daily needs, and how the non-government agencies also helped. The group came up with a community project-based initiative called Project U, by putting together a femininity hygiene drive that will help displaced female survivors. The group is reaching out to the respective mayors to assist their cause by designating their offices to be identified as a collection or drop-off zone for members of the community to drop off products and are also asking for baby hygiene products to be donated as well.

President asked the Body if there were no objections to accepting these donations at their offices. There was none.

Sgt. Tapao said the designated start date is July 15 but is asking the mayors, if they can go ahead and start so by next week, they'll be asking the communities if they can drop the feminine hygiene products at their respective mayor's offices. The group will also be assisting the teens who are not in school, in line with P.L. 36-66, to afford the opportunity for them to have that available.

2. FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS – Mayor Robert Hofmann expressed that the mayors were on the FEMA reimbursement call and there were questions from Council members about things that are allowable costs and not allowable. In discussions, it was talked about government reimbursement versus non-appropriated fund reimbursement as well as the discussion was will public health do the reimbursement requests for the mayors or not. Mayors' offices that were doing meal deliveries and justifying fuel expenses. He said he is trying to figure out where they're at and who's the responsible agency.

Because there was a COVID-19 Reimbursements Meeting with FEMA virtually, *President* said he doesn't believe there was enough information and further said, "I don't believe that the call was productive because are there going to be 19 projects? Is every village going to have a project? Is there going to be one Mayors' Council project? What can be reimbursed? Is it appropriated funds? Is it NAF? And then of course, is public health going to do it? So there was just all different kinds of situations and all different kinds of concerns. You need to pay attention as to what types of reimbursements you're going to request for, because if it's not appropriated funds, then you have to do it on your own."

Mayor Savares said, "All of us did food distribution, participated in getting the foods, the meals from the schools and taking it out to the neighborhoods, the senior meals, we were delivering those, and then the food commodities, but according to the representative from FEMA anything dealing with food distribution is not reimbursable even the fuel, some of us used private vehicles to deliver."

ED said, "At this point, they've changed what's reimbursable or not reimbursable so many times. Just collect the data and we'll still submit it and if in the end they say, it's not, then at least we tried. You're going to submit it on your own, but it's going to be done through public health. It's going to be one request for reimbursement because remember this, this money does not come back to the MCOG. It comes back to the general fund, under DOA.

That's one of the things why some mayors are really not keen on asking for these reimbursements because it doesn't come back to us.”

Mayor Hofmann asked about the government-appropriated expenditures that mayors' bought out of their budgets like alcohol, safety equipment, masks, shields, or Plexiglas. He added an extra door to help with distances and awnings and cementing areas. ED said MCOG Admin is tracking purchase orders that were issued when this first started. One of the things that they early on told MCOG was not reimbursable is Plexiglas and ED is trying to work with them because they said if it's not something that's permanent, it's not reimbursable. Ed will continue to go through these purchase orders and will be submitted under MCOG's own appropriations. Mayor can still request it and send it in so MCOG sees what of those POs he purchased for the PPEs and things like that.

Mayor Hofmann asked how are non-appropriated funds expenditures being handled on the FEMA side. ED said it probably would have to be handled on a village-by-village basis and if you ask for reimbursement, it's not going to come back to the MCOG nor the general fund. It should go back to the villages because it's coming out of their own funding.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

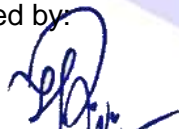
➤ *President* reminded Council members that the special meeting is on July 13 next week instead of the following week because it'll be the day before Liberation Day. **Mayor Savares made a motion to cancel the July special meeting and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgado.** In discussion, the president said it was already posted but will post the cancellation and inform the guest speakers if they need to get their information sooner, they can send it by email or by hard copy. **No further discussions or objections. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ *President* asked if there was a motion on the floor for the MCOG to host the breakfast meeting at a restaurant. **Mayor Savares made a motion to get three price quotes and look for a restaurant that's reasonable that can accommodate starting at seven o'clock in the morning and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta.** In discussion, Mayor Hofmann wanted to note that funds are from mayors and vice mayors dues, from their own paychecks that are paying for this breakfast so people won't say that their dining out on the dime. **No further discussions or objections. Motion passed unanimously.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

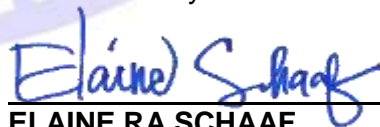
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

CTO - 10:14 am
A - 12:12 pm

PLACE OF MEETING:

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/33	<i>[Signature]</i>
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	<i>[Signature]</i>
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	<i>[Signature]</i>
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	<i>[Signature]</i>
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	<i>[Signature]</i>
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordod	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	<i>[Signature]</i>
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LEONES, Loreto V.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	<i>[Signature]</i>
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Umatac	828-2940/8258	<i>[Signature]</i>
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	<i>[Signature]</i>
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	<i>[Signature]</i>
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	<i>[Signature]</i>
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofoto	789-1421/3262/4821	<i>[Signature]</i>
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	<i>[Signature]</i>
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		<i>[Signature]</i>

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE
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GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.
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Steve Ignacio	GDO	475-9828
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Kate Baulder		
John Flores	GPD / CCTF	680-0008
M.M. Wilford	GPD / CCTF	998-2522
Ekpendras	GPD	475-8615
Kim Sawtles	GPD	482-7000
Peel Pappas	GPD	926 0101
Diane Quinata	Humatch MO.	747-2932

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

From: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 6:25 AM
To: Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin.
Subject: Fwd: Mcog Meeting

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From: **June Blas** <mayorbarrigada@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 6, 2022, 8:58 AM
Subject: Mcog Meeting
To: <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>

Good Morning Mayor Louise,

This is to respectfully inform you that I will not be physically present in today's Mayors' Council Meeting. However, will be attending via zoom.

Respectfully,

Mayor June

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

From: Jessy Gogue <ocp.mayor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera
Cc: Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin.; ED Angel R. Sablan; Mayor Jesse Alig; R.Julie Posadas
Subject: ZOOM ATTENDANCE

Hafa Adai Mayor Rivera,

As instructed by Mayor Alig, I am letting you know that I will be attending our Regular MCOG meeting via Zoom. I will probably sign-on a little late since I will be completing a Zoom meeting with our Team that is overseeing the Design & Construction of our Multi-Purpose Center.

Thank You for your attention to this request.
Sincerely,
Mayor Gogue