



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
Mayors' Council Conference Room  
Hagåtña, Guam

## MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Nineteen (19) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

**III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

**IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of May 3, 2017 – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the Report as presented and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

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

**1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting June 21, 2017**

- a. Selena Onedera-Salas, Member of Independent Guåhan Education Outreach
- b. Brian Hahn, Member  
Transforming Ourselves through Healing, Growth, and Enrichment (TOHGE)

**Mayor Dale Alvarez made the motion to approve the guest speakers in that order and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**2. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. **GovGuam Retirement Fund Education Seminars for Defined Contribution (DC) Retirement Plan** – ED reported the *Fund* had offered to combine seminar sessions with Dept. of Education at their various school cafeterias. The memo with the scheduled locations were provided to all Council members in their packets at today's meeting.

b. **Sweet Potato/Taro** – Aubry Hocog with Rota Mayor's Office had communicated with the Council last week asking if anyone is interested in purchasing from Guam. There is an over abundance of these agricultural products. Council president made the decision to ask the Body at today's meeting so that everybody could just combine whatever orders are and send them over.

c. **TIRE SHREDDING PROJECT** – ED reminded Council members of the project deadline completion with Mr. Rubbishman is June 30. This is a federally funded project with DPHSS with allocations for each District ranging from \$11K to \$200.

d. **MCOG FY2018 BUDGET HEARING** – ED expressed that the hearing went well but Senator Michael San Nicolas questioned travel expenditures. Senator had brought this up because he was trying to help the mayors find money in our budget for the parade. ED had told him that mayors that had travelled would justify why they went and what happened there. ED asked for an increase and two additional personnel for the larger villages, and Inarajan put a letter on her own and the other item was \$67K that Barrigada is requesting to fix up her area; most of Councils' budget is status quo.

Senator San Nicolas called for an oversight hearing before he approves of the budget to the appropriations submitted.

Council president Mayor Paul McDonald expressed to the Body to bring in the number of visitors from all the activities including sports and the justification for the continued relationships with the Philippines.

Mayor Jessie Gogue expressed that when we do take trips, let's submit travel reports and justify what we do; let's put it in writing.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **MCOG 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – Mayor Melissa Savares announced the anniversary kick-off would be the mass scheduled in August after the Liberation Festivities are done.

b. **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC - Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Port Authority Beach** – Chairman Mayor Rudy Matanane/Co-chair Mayor Allan Ungacta. No report.

c. **MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Leo Palace**- Chairman Mayor Jesse M. Blas encouraged all the other mayors who have not been to meetings to send a designated representative so they would know exactly what is going on or to call him. He said on average there are only 11 or 12 representatives. Chair said the concept of the bucket is for employees to put \$1 every Friday, mayors \$20 and vice mayors \$10 every payday and with the number of employees that every District have, at the end of the collection, the *Committee* would have raised almost \$19K. Chair went on to say that at the end, mayors would see how much sense it made and how effortless it was and asked for the Body's support and that the *Committee* is trying to avoid having to do so many fundraisers.

Mayor Jessie Gogue asked where's the equity with the Districts that did not participate but still plan on attending. Chair said there would be other fundraising events to offset that by way of a comedy show and carwashes. To make this a fun party there won't be any raffling of door prizes. Chair said if they would rather not contribute but still attend the party then they would have to purchase a ticket.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **GPD BUDGET; REQUEST RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT** – ED expressed that GPD had requested mayors and vice mayors to attend their budget hearing to support more police officers presence in the villages and if the MCOG wanted to put together a resolution supporting the request with more presence of officers in the villages. **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion for a Council resolution requesting more presence of officers in the villages and seconded by Mayor Jessie Gogue. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

2. **LIBERATION FESIVITIES** – ED said with the casino and gaming it isn't an issue that could be dealt with today; the Bill is with the Governor, Council could only wait for his decision whether he vetoes it, lapsed into law, or signs it into law. ED stated that despite what would happen, there would still be a *Carnival, Parade, and Memorials* but there would not be the funds like before. GEDA would assist in the parade portion in getting the stage and other pertinent costs. GVB would assist with entertainment and fireworks.

**PARADE** – ED said the Council had known that this is not a money making venture because we do not collect enough money from the entries; we get other funds from whatever the Guam Liberation Historical Society was able to provide. The costs are constant with the entrance fees and then there are costs like the reviewing stand, the stage, the canopies, portable toilets,

the people you have to feed, the trash, tipping fee, and awards for the floats. ED said the *Parade* chair is Mayor Jesse Blas and assisted by Bill Reyes from Parks & Recreation.

**CARNIVAL** – The person appointed to oversee the *Parade*, he volunteered to do this again this year at the request of Mayor Robert Hofmann and Council president Mayor Paul McDonald, is Ray Blas. The Council would meet with GEDA and DPR tomorrow to plan the carnival at Paseo. Tentative dates are June 21 through July 31 and are looking at operational days from Wednesdays to Fridays and entertainment from Fridays to Sundays.

**QUEEN** – At the final counting on June 24, the queen would be proclaimed. There are eight (8) candidates. Of the grand totals collected from the raffle, 50% goes back to the candidates and their sponsors. Whatever village wins the title of queen, that village float would become the queen's float; \$5,000 would augment and be spruced up. Districts who do not have a candidate are welcomed to help with ticket sales and to allow their residents to be given a chance to win the monetary prizes.

Chair, Mayor Louise Rivera said the committee had secured the Guam Museum on July 3 for the Queens' Coronation.

**MEMORIALS** – Seven (7) Memorials fall under the *Queens Committee*. Those mayors' offices would receive \$1,500 to prepare for their ceremonies. Chair Mayor Jesse Alig stated that this year *Raider 21* ceremony would be included but there is no financial obligation yet. *Memorials* Schedule of Events would be finalized as soon as Merizo Mayor's Office provides the time for the mass.

ED expressed that the Governor is getting his agencies together that whatever support the mayors' need to make things happen and where we lack the resources from the funding. The Council appreciated his support in offering other agencies to come in and support the Council.

## X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. **Boards and Commissions** –

➤ **SERVE GUAM COMMISSION** – Because Mayor Melissa Savares had stepped down, Mayor Jessy Gogue volunteered to represent the Mayors' Council of Guam.

### 2. **MCOG Standing Committees** – No report.

3. **AMIM** – *AMIM Treasurer*, Mayor Melissa Savares stated that the General Assembly was planned in November in Tinian. *AMIM Vice President*, Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that, "we may not be able to set policies and or legislate action through our *association* but it keeps alive the things that are important to both the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. Our culture. Our language. Our history."

## XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ED expressed that there had been a decline on responses with the daily radio checks on the SmartNet Radios. If your SmartNet Radio is not working, you need to inform the MCOG Admin. Office. Should there be an emergency one of these days, we want to make sure your Response Coordinator is there; we need them to answer those SmartNet Radios.

- Relative to the removal and storage of abandoned vehicles Mayor Jessy Gogue and Mayor Rudy Paco requested DPW director to speak at the July Special Monthly meeting.
- Today's luncheon hosted by ***Chalan Pago-Ordot Mayor's Office***

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor John Cruz motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Attested by:

Transcribed by:



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Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam



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