



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2019
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa Savares called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Twenty-one (21) 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 May 1, 2019 – **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. 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 expressed that originally Senators Telo Taitague, James Moylan, and Clynton Ridgell were to have made a presentation on road repairs but because many of the surveys, that were handed out were not completed and returned, a representative, Jason Tedtaotao, from Senator Taitague's office was here to collect the surveys. ED said he would try to schedule the senators at the next special meeting.

1. **Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2019)**

- a. Marilyn H. Guerrero, Program Coordinator, Bureau of Statistics and Plans
Guam International Coastal Cleanup
- b. Bernice McGill, Founder/Program Director, Game Time Inc.
- c. Krista K. Gaza, Pageant Consultant, Arsenal Design+Marketing

In discussion, *President* asked ED to have Ms. Guerrero get information on the Census. Mayor Rudy Matanane asked if the Body is still accepting audience requests. Mayor Louise Rivera said they need to request. Mayor Matanane said it is Peggy Denny regarding the trash; the containers. *President* stated that this would be put in. Mayor Rudy Paco queried on the status with inviting U.S. Immigration. ED responded that he is working on that.

Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the requests in the same order to include Peggy Denny and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.

2. **Communications**

a. **US PINOYS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE CHARITY CONCERT** – ED reported receiving correspondence from Dr. Celia Lamkin that the concert had been postponed and would let Council know when it is rescheduled.

b. **MACHETE ATTACK INCIDENT** – *President* expressed that because of the incident that happened in Mangilao yesterday, the governor called an emergency meeting this morning. Initially the venue for the 9:30 a.m. meeting with the governor was supposed to be at the Council but Lisa Dames with the Governor's Office explained that there were other individuals coming. The FSM Consul General, Senator Clynton Ridgell, and Senator Pedro Terlaje they wanted to have the meeting at the small conference room in Adelup. Migrants affect all villages and because of the impact and people affected; the news went viral on YouTube and the news. Discussed was to reach out to the communities as a group. Because of the incident, Mayor Allan Ungacta offered to have the first village meeting with the Freely Associated States leadership, the courts, GPD, other community members and

business owners be involved. If mayors are interested in having community outreach meetings to let her know. Offer other options for them. *President* recommended having them join current sports events and leagues whether it be volleyball, basketball, baseball, etc.

Mayor Jesse Blas expressed having the courts work closely with the Attorney General's Office, come up with levels of punishment and make a very strong statement that this is not to be taken lightly as it affects the entire island. Mayor agreed with Judith Guthertz's statement that the arrestees would be released the very next day; that does not help at all that still puts the community at harm's way knowing that these bad people are being released the very next day. This had been escalating for years.

Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that, "we have to go out to them". He had done it for the first time and nobody came but when he worked with Micronesian Resource Center, they went to the streets where they all lived in, and they all came. Mayor said he would do it this way.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf stated that the federal government should step up to the plate and deport the people that are engaging in criminal activities, especially in violence. Engage with immigration. Mayor said, "It is the U.S. government that rammed down the Compact Impact in our throats without any consultation with Guam, they need to send those people back that don't have respect for our island, our laws."

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **75TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES UPDATE** – ED reported a *Memorials* meeting at noon today. Coca-Cola is the official sponsor for Liberation. The official opening of the carnival is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9 to August 7. Hours of operation is still the same except for this Saturday, they would open at 4 pm to 2 am. There would be a program that the Governor's Office is working on. The Lieutenant Governor is inviting all mayors and vice mayors to attend the opening ceremony at 6pm at the carnival grounds.

President reported the Queen's final counting is 6 pm, Tuesday, June 11 at Bank of Guam. Bring money only; tickets would be cross-checked the day after. Queen's Coronation is scheduled for 6 pm, June 23 at Hotel Nikko. Queen's Mass is yet to be determined depending where the queen is from. Queen's breakfast is scheduled for 7am, Liberation morning at Government House.

ED expressed that *Bingo* is still being negotiated; it was listed under the Mayors' Council to sponsor it. There is a bingo operator who is willing to sponsor the bingo and provide everything and they would give ten percent of the proceeds to the MCOG.

President reported the *Parade* registration is on going at Agana Heights Mayor's Office. No waiving of fees for the villages

Mayor Rudy Matanane conveyed to the Body to ask, talk, and call their constituents to come and support the carnival.

2. **4TH MARIANAS HISTORY CONFERENCE REQUEST TO HOST OPENING RECEPTION** – Placed on the May agenda to move to June unfinished business, ED expressed that this event is in August and could be moved to the July agenda should the Body want to entertain this.

3. **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR STATE FUNERALS** – ED expressed that Vice President, Mayor Robert Hofmann had initiated for mayors' offices to go back into their records of former commissioners, assistant commissioners, mayors, and vice mayors who are still alive to try and update their bios and official photos. Council's records do not go back prior to 1980, so information is needed.

4. **MCOG 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Chairman, Mayor Rudy Paco reported that he is looking at Hotel Nikko for the venue and the only available slot that was open is Thursday, December 12. Should mayors have better suggestions, he asked that they call him. Mayor June Blas stated that they are looking at other venues because of the capacity limit and the cost was another issue. Chair would be calling the Districts for an upcoming meeting.

5. **DRT – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE EINS** – ED reported there are some mayors' offices who have complied but Council needs to get all 19 Districts on board. It's an easy process; apply online and within a few minutes you'd be able to get your EIN. Mayor Jessy Gogue queried why Districts have to get their own EIN. ED stated that Districts have been using Council's EIN and when documents from mayors' offices are submitted to Dept. of Rev. & Tax, they cannot determine what district because they go by the EIN. For DRT to identify all the Districts and activities they sponsor (festivals, raffles, fundraisings) they have suggested for each District get an EIN.

Mayor Jessy Gogue queried on Districts who wanted to take on contracts and get processed through the MCOG. ED stated that if it is a project specific to that village then it would be that District's EIN. Mayor expressed that without it being registered with Dept. of Administration and GSA it would be rather difficult. ED stated that you would not need to register it with those two agencies unless you are going to have a project with them and they would ask you for a specific form for your EIN. Mayor asked, "From this point forward, you're telling us we should use our own EIN?" Both ED and *President* replied, yes. Mayor asked if Districts need to get their own DUNS. ED replied that some of them do ask for it; usually if it's a federal project and you don't have a DUNS they would request that you get it online.

6. **EPA PERMIT RENEWALS** – ED expressed that all Districts transport trash and recyclables and reminded that permits expired the end of May. Districts had started last year. Permitted to haul are trailers, pickup trucks that pull trailers of whatever form of transport used to haul. One permit is required for a mayor's office. ED stated that EPA could pull you over and ask you for your permit. It is each the individual mayor's responsibility to get the permit annually.

7. **STAGING SITE** - Mayor Jesse Alig queried with the status on EPA permitted villages for temporary staging sites for green waste. ED stated it is going to change; there is a requirement now that all the sites including temporary sites need to be approved by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). They retroactively approved the one from the last storm but moving forward, they are going to require that they get their approval before we even use it as a staging site. EPA has to approve the site and then SHPO also has to approve; that's part of the FEMA requirement. ED stated that we would go in as a Council and just identify each village where they're at.

Mayor Gogue expressed that since Typhoon Mangkhut the green waste had not been removed and everything after that. ED expressed that he had been meeting with FEMA, Even they didn't understand why there was still green waste from Mangkhut when they

assumed that DPW and GHS already had a contract out to do this. When Typhoon Wutip came, same sites were used; so green waste from Typhoon Wutip was dumped on top of green waste from Typhoon Mangkhut. They could still distinguish which one is Mangkut and which one is Wutip from the tonnage and amount of debris but they are working on trying to get everything removed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **OPA-PROCUREMENT TRAINING FOR MAYORS AND ED** – ED reported that this is a recommendation from the OPA as part of his recommendations to the audit for public officials to take Module I to Module 4. District staff were sent and have completed the Module I training. The OPA's recommendation is to include mayors, vice mayors, and the executive director. This is government wide; agency heads to attend the procurement module. ED stated that there are limited number of seats where Guam Community College would allow five (5) at a time per agency. It is a 2-hour training three days a week. Council is trying to work with GCC to see whether they could set up one for everybody, if they cannot find training space or find another instructor to do the procurement then the MCOG is limited to the five at a time and would just go alphabetically.

2. **UOG FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP** – Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 30 at the Hyatt Regency from 10 am to 2 pm. **Mayor Rudy Matanane made a motion for all the mayors to stick together and support them.** *President* asked mayor what funding source he recommended. Mayor said the one that has more money. **Mayor Kevin Susuico made a motion recommending the Bronze Sponsor of \$750. Mayor Paul McDonald seconded the motion.** Mayor Louise Rivera queried with the *Treasurer* how much money is available. *Treasurer* Mayor Jesse Alig responded that there is money.

ED stated, "while the media is present I want to make it clear that there are people calling the radio station and say all the mayors and vice mayors eat at their regular meetings at tax payers expense. Every two weeks every mayor and vice mayor including myself is deducted from our paycheck \$25. That's \$650 per person that's sitting in here, including myself. That's \$17,550 a year. We pay, like our lunch today, that's being hosted my Malesso. That's from our dues. When we donate to certain groups, we make it clear. Is it from our dues? It's from our dues. It's coming from your paycheck, my paycheck. We just want to make that very clear. It's not coming from any appropriation made to the Mayors' Council of Guam."

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf expressed that these people are talking out of ignorance without sufficient knowledge to make that statement on the air and felt it prudent that Council should respond to clear the air.

Mayor Rivera amended the motion recommending getting a Table Sponsor of \$1,250 and have ten (10) council members at the celebration. Mayor Rudy Matanane seconded the motion. In discussion, Mayor Jesse Alig stated that he wanted to support the university and would like to make a contribution but he doesn't support the current motion of \$1,250 and would prefer the *Bronze Sponsor*.

Call for the vote with a show of hands on the amended motion for the Table Sponsor. Two (2) hands raised. Those who opposed the Table Sponsor. Eighteen (18) hands raised. Motion failed.

Call for the vote with a show of hands on the original motion for the *Bronze Sponsor* of \$750. Twenty (20) hands raised. One (1) opposed. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.

3. JOHN MCDONALD - CAL RIPKEN ALLSTAR BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP – *President* expressed that players on the roster who come from the different villages, she recommended that they needed to address the various mayors at the village level. *President* queried with Council members if they wanted to entertain this request because there would be other teams that will come out. Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that because there is a lot of them and hopefully the respective mayors would be able to entertain the sponsorship at the district level as opposed to coming out of the *dues* fund. Mayor Ernest Chargualaf expressed supporting the sports program but not at the expense of having somebody do it for personal gain and profit. Mayor Jesse Blas expressed having the respective districts take care of the individual players. Mayor Paul McDonald agreed.

President announced the sponsorship be *tabled* based that they go to their respective villages.

4. MEALS EVERY OTHER MONTH FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR MEETINGS WITH GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR – *President* stated Council members had a breakfast meeting with the governor and lieutenant governor last week and felt it was a productive meeting because there are agency heads there. Mayor Kevin Susuico had offered the next group meeting to be at the Agat Community Center. With the first breakfast meeting hosted by the governor, the next hosting would be the MCOG. *President* said the hostings would rotate back and forth every quarter and when the MCOG would host, funds would be from the *Dues* account.

President said the governor wants these meetings quarterly but the lieutenant governor wanted them every other month. *President* gave the floor to Municipal Affairs representative Robert Lizama who stated that the governor wanted the meetings quarterly.

Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to use the *Dues* funds when the MCOG hosts the rotational quarterly meetings and seconded by Mayor Ernest Chargualaf. In discussion, *President* asked the Body if it would be safe to say \$1,000. Mayor Kevin Susuico stated that Mayor Jesse Alig wanted to go for \$450 like Council's luncheon hostings. *President* announced that the motion is for \$450 for the breakfast meetings and seconded by Mayor Ernest Chargualaf. **All favored. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Mayor Jessy Gogue queried on the status with purchase orders on recycling. ED reported *Abandoned Vehicles* and *Green Waste* purchase orders would be ready this Friday and a transporter that would be assigned to the villages. Next week would be the *White Goods, Tires*. Mayor Gogue asked about using the *Green Waste* purchase order for the typhoon. ED stated that if mayors do, then that is reimbursable by FEMA; just need to take pictures as long as it quantifies and justifies the damage a mayor is seeking; attach them to your reports. For Districts who have vehicles left and needed to move some more their purchase order would be increased but the largest villages were given the max amount.

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Kevin Susuico thanked everyone and all the mayors and vice mayors who came out to support the Mango Festival.
- ED announced that Vice Mayor Ken Santos needs surgery due to an infection but because he doesn't have enough funds he suggested having a fundraiser for him. Mayor Louise expressed that vice mayor needed the \$2,700 up front before they operated. Mayor Susuico suggested having a lunch plate fundraiser. Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista suggested giving \$50 each from all mayors, vice mayors, and executive director. Mayor Rivera expressed that this would be a great idea. The consensus agreed. ED expressed to give your donation to Mayor Rivera.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Merizo Mayor's Office**.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Louise Rivera moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Paul McDonald. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
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