



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Tamuning Senior Center
Tamuning, Guam

MINUTES

President recognized and welcomed back Mayor Jessy Gogue.

Lacking three members to make a quorum, chair gave the floor to first guest speaker, Mr. Leo Espia, Director of Emergency Operations Center, Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense. He talked about village storage capacity to include typhoon preparedness in a COVID environment. He requested mayors to take a look at their facilities on what areas they can store certain items for use during post storm shelter operations and facilities to operate the pods for points of dispensing whether it be walk-in, walk-through, or drive through so it could be in place before the next catastrophic event. He requested the support of Jay Solang and John Blas to send out the survey questionnaire on capacities of the villages on storage and warehousing.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
* DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
* PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofof
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning

** CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
**/ R SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
R 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

- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES – Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Melissa Savares. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF JUNE TREASURER’S REPORT –Mayor Jessie Gogue made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**
- VI. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

DR. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD, I NA’AN LUGÁT GUÅHAN (GUAM PLACE NAMES) PROJECT – Explanation of place name process involving informants; demonstration of the complexity of place names. The Kumisión is responsible in reviewing place names using an extensive inventory that were done in 1945. Next month, the Kumisión will be providing mayors and residents of the southern villages a list of place names for their review. The same would be done for the central and northern villages. They will also work on names of water basins and that place names are spelled and pronounced correctly and consistently. The Kumisión asked mayors' help to refer five people from their villages they thought have deep knowledge about the CHamoru names of places in their area.

JOHN ANANICH, BUETTA ELECTRIC – A company that sells electric scooters, proposed an islandwide rental plan and work with mayors' and see where it would benefit the community to put distribution centers or concentration of their upcoming rental platform in areas of the island. The company hoped to launch the program in the upcoming months or around Liberation Day. Currently, the scooters are not permitted for road use but are able to be used on sidewalks.

AMBROSIO CONSTANTINO, AMERICAN RED CROSS GUAM CHAPTER – A program called *Sound the Alarm*, included advising families to create a home fire escape plan and practice a 2-minute drill in the event of a fire. ARC will provide smoke detectors to mayors' and their offices must install them directly into the home because if given to the family to install themselves, it may sit inside the box for various reasons, such as no ladder, no

screwdrivers, no drill, etc. Mr. Constantino also provided Red Cross assistance overview when responding to emergency requests.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. GHS/OCD; PODS FOR POINTS OF DISPENSING – In order for the mayors' to complete the Guam Catastrophic Plan there will be 21 pod distribution sites around the island; Dededo will have three. Mayors' are to identify and provide the facility, identify the floor plan both internal and external, identify the distribution plan of the supplies from the pod, and the traffic flow. ED to send out email with the basic questions from GHS, provide response directly to GHS so they can complete the Catastrophic Plan. Mayor Gogue said there should be a secondary site in the event of damages from a typhoon or earthquake.

2. GUAM TRADES ACADEMY – A Heavy Equipment Operator course to provide instruction on basic backhoe operator competencies. Six (6) slots are allocated to the Mayors' Council. Monica Guzman suggested north, central, and south. The course is to begin the first week of August. All applicants must submit an application, a photo identification and a high school diploma. The initial grant application identified Dededo, Yona, and Agat but they are also looking at Merizo because of flooding problems. Several mayors expressed concerns about staff resigning for better job options after completion of the course, increase their salary, or rather have mayors and vice mayors take the course. ED will communicate with Ms. Guzman and get back to the Body.

3. ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE TROPICAL CYCLONE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CLIMATE VIRTUAL SEMINAR – Zoom meeting June 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Maria Romulo is asking those mayors and vice mayors who are interested to pre-register.

4. MCOG FY 2022 BUDGET – The public hearing will take place on Friday, June 11 at 9 a.m. Four people are allowed in the public hearing room at a time. The Budget Hearing will be broadcasted on local television and streamed online via / *Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed. The budget is the same that the Council had in FY 2021. ED met with the Office of Finance and Budget and Senator San Agustin for a Preliminary Budget Meeting. They didn't allow for any increases because of the way the pandemic had reduced the government's revenues. They would try their best to give the Council what was requested in the FY 2022 and would try to remove the Council from the Guam Highway Fund, which is typically the funds to pay for personnel. Council is asking that the SMB, IWBF, and the PSSEP be combined into one for greater flexibility as to how mayors use those funds for operations. Also looked at is doing a line item for every village to allow everybody to some clarity as far as the way the budget is being distributed. The Host Community Fund is still there. Carryover from previous fiscal years is part of that budget as well. Although the MCOG got an appropriation last year from the Legislature of \$1.3M for the *Recycling Revolving Fund*, their looking at giving the *Abandoned Vehicle* portion of that fund to Dept. of Public Works. It is their recommendation. DPW director Vincent Arriola has accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to have them be responsible for collecting the vehicles islandwide.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf suggested putting their budget together village by village and collectively put a whole number to that and testify why mayors want that much. *President* expressed that, "there is nothing precludes us from trying that out." ED commented that there would be nineteen different budgets and it is going to be a long process but it is worth pursuing. ED expressed he will bring this up at the budget hearing to start looking

at identifying the real needs of the villages themselves and let the mayors come up and decide what kind of basic budget they need for their village.

President commented that he has known in the past that if a mayor needed something specific they go out on a special appropriation on top of what a mayor already received. ED concurred and added that a mayor will make their own request to their favorite senator to make that appropriation for their village. Both he and ED have been talking and working different angles with the Governor and Senator San Agustin, they have committed to help with the shortfall, and by this month, Council should be getting that assistance outside of what Council is going to get from the American Rescue Plan.

Relative to the proposed responsibility and funding for the removal of abandoned vehicles to DPW, Mayor Anthony Chargualaf recommended for DPW to establish a tow truck company listing so that mayors can call to have them pull out vehicles deemed abandoned and the tow company invoice DPW rather for a vehicle to sit for a whole month or more, being vandalized and eventually get burned.

5. STREETLIGHTS – A memo was emailed out to all Districts of any requests submitted to DPW for new installation and or relocation. The Governor's Office requested the listing that was submitted previously in 2019, 2020, up to this month, June 2021 because they are looking at the ARPA funds to enhance the safety of our communities. The list will be used as the priority list to get the streetlights mayors requested for. Municipal Affairs representative to the Governor, Robert Lizama has been receiving the mayors' submissions and is working with DPW to make sure those streetlights that have been identified will get the first priority to be installed.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – Mayor Savares announced discussion on school safety of bringing back students at one hundred percent, face to face in August. Double sessions were discussed for some schools because the floor space is not enough in the intermediate areas, middle and high schools to have all students in the classroom at one given time. There are two virtual stakeholders meetings, one scheduled for this week and the other for next week where parents can input not just on the face to face but also on the grading system.

GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL – *President* reported the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District will be coordinating a meeting with the southern mayors on how their tackling the issue on the southern end of Guam regarding the feral swine. He will send out their contact number and email address to the southern Districts who have concerns with feral swine so that they can assist with issues. They plan on scheduling the meeting face to face end of June or early July.

GISC recommended that the MCOG employ an arborist because this position will oversee the permitting process for the villages and beautification plans mayors' may have. The individual can start at the position of Forestry I and be trained as an arborist, receive the certification and provide the services for the 19 villages. An arborist position starts around \$60K. This classified position would eliminate the bureaucracy mayors' are getting through the Dept. of Agriculture because they are limited and they don't have the staffing to come out to all the village mayors'. This is a proposal GISC asked MCOG to consider.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf suggested having mayors' staff trained as opposed to hiring someone. *President* said DoAG doesn't have the capacity to do the training. Mayor Savares queried if MCOG can contract the position instead of hiring. *President* said he doesn't see why we can if we have money.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU) – Chairman, Mayor Rudy Paco reported for the month of May the committee turned in 98 dogs, 9 cats and eradicated 16 pigs. Mayors who are interested, he still has pig traps available for \$350 at his office. The next village who want traps to be placed in their community to contact him so he could make arrangements.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY COMMITTEE – *President* said the newly embodied committee will identify village boundaries, to map it out so that every mayor and vice mayor knows exactly where their boundaries are. There is no final determination from the committee or from the mayors but it is a guide as to where they want to go, from where or how to proceed because if there were to be any changes or any proposal to change, that would have to go through the legislative process to amend that law. Chair, Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista reported that the boundaries are difficult and complicated to work with. Mayor June Blas had spoken with the Bureau of Statistics and there will be another meeting scheduled for June 10. The committee needed to get more details on this so there will be an update to provide Council members at the next meeting.

PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – *President* communicated that mayors and vice mayors are put in a position where animal control is their duty not mandated in public law, but are expected and assumed responsibility. He asked Council members if there was anyone willing to chair that can propose and work on other solutions to the islandwide problem. He is willing to chair and will ask members to be part of the committee. [inaudible]

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. UPDATE - ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF-
President mentioned that mayors should have received their *green waste* purchase orders last week and this week there will be increases for *abandoned vehicles* and other recyclables. He reminded Council members to turn in their invoices in a timely manner in order to get the funding in a timely manner so that Council will not be faced with no money again. He urged Council members to see ED if they are having any problems. ED reported the \$300K balance out of the \$1.3M had been approved and released to the MCOG. As soon as it is uploaded in the system, additional increases will be given of whatever needs mayors may have.

2. LIBERATION MEMORIAL CEREMONIES – *President* requested for those mayors' who are hosting a ceremony to provide the date, time, and the location. He gave reminder to plan and adhere to any Executive Orders currently in place

X. NEW BUSINESS – None.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Vice President*, Mayor Robert Hoffman acknowledged and thanked the 36th Guam Legislature, specifically Senator Tony Ada for hearing the MCOG needs on the Legislative Committee and for introducing Bill No. 48-36 which became Public Law 36-20 and Bill No. 47-36 was recently passed and will be on its way to become public law. The committee will next work on closing the loophole about abandoned vehicles and to allow the mayors to designate alcohol-free zones in public parks and properties in government facilities.
- *President* emailed earlier the ESF grant form for mayors to complete and submit directly to the Guam State Clearinghouse along with their cover letter. The form takes care of the project and budget narratives. The grant is for the after-school and summer school programs.
- Attached in today's packet is the Head Start Program application information flyer. *President* asked that the flyer be shared with constituents.
- Guam Police Department Highway Patrol Division will conduct the Traffic Direction Training on Tuesday, June 8 at the Tamuning Senior Center from 9am-12pm for staff at the mayors choice. Staff are to bring their traffic vest, Fox 40 whistle, together with any wand or flashlight that they have.
- *President* acknowledged the work of Mayor Frankie Salas who is MCOG representative for Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies, his staff, Yona Mayor Bill Quenga and staff and Piti Mayor's Office staff for their help with logistics for the Memorial Day ceremony this past weekend.
- In lieu of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter Red Ball fundraiser event, booklet of tickets for dinner to a variety of restaurant establishments are available. The booklet sells for \$200. See Mayor Savares.
- *President* acknowledged and thanked Tamuning Mayor Rivera and Vice Mayor Toves for the space for Council meetings and thanked Sinajana Mayor Hofmann and his staff, Michael Mafnas for providing the sound system, and for always being available for the Mayors' Council.
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- MCOG Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Alana Chargualaf whose term with the 36th Wing Public Affairs Office, Andersen Air Force Base ended.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Piti Mayor's Office**.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 1:02 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, June 2, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTO 10:26 am
A 1:02 pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

PLACE OF MEETING: Tamuning Senior Center

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
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ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
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BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Inaláhan	475-2509-11	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagåtña	477-8045/47	
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
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QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
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SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
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