



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

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

II. **ROLL CALL:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalâhan
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
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
QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
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
○ ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Sânta Rita-Sumai
○ CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
** CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hâgat
○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
○ LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
○ QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humâtak

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

Eighteen (18) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM/GUAM HYMN

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the June report and was seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STATE FUNERAL SERVICES – For the late Honorable Ignacio "Ike" Sablan, former Commissioner of the Municipality of Sinajana on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – Last Guam EPA board meeting on May 18, the balance of \$650K was approved for release to the Council. Purchase Orders for tires will be ready this Friday. The bins for loose metals and electronics will come out shortly thereafter. Mayors would have to work with Guahan Waste Control dba Mr. Rubbishman because they operate on a scheduled basis.

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU FOR SISTER CITIES – GVB to provide airfare and lodging for mayors but is limited to those that do have active sister cities in the Philippines because their counterparts will be invited to Manila at GVB's expense to attend the Philippine Travel Agency Association conference. The itinerary is from June 24 to June 27. GVB will also be inviting other mayors that do not have sister cities if they would like to establish and talk with them and see if they are interested. There is no guarantee that a mayor will be going because they have to check their counterpart, whether they are willing to come to Manila because they are not able to come to Manila then there's no sense. Should mayors decide to extend their stay it will be at their own expense.

ARPA FUNDS – ED reminded Council members it cannot be used for anything else besides what can be justified under beautification and recycling. The purchase orders for recycling will be handled internally with MCOG Admin. Office and invoices submitted directly to Dept. of Administration. The only thing that will be the same is providing the same data districts provided to GuamePA but it would be MCOG's data forms.

OPERATIONS FUND – ED reported looking at their fuel consumption; use the VOMBPS if they haven't increased their fuel consumption. It could also be justified under the beautification.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf queried if it would be appropriate to go to the legislature and ask for a supplemental budget to augment mayors' fuel shortage. ED said he doesn't feel the legislature would give supplemental appropriation at this point simply because there are funds available to the mayors. The council could find in the current funding, if it's through ARPA, ways to augment on fuel funding shortage and even the fact that the legislature is saying to start using the carryovers because there's no guarantee that it will be again, carried over in FY23.

President conveyed to use all that they have from FY22 and if there was anything from FY21 to exhaust it now because the fiscal year is coming to an end and it is in their district's best interest to utilize the money that they have. He said, "I know that we talked about limited gaming funds and how some of us keep that. That's not a good idea to keep because if you don't work with Angel on it, then you need to work with someone in the legislature, because if we don't get a carryover then all of your money is going to be gone. I want to say it on the record to all the mayors and vice mayors, please see Angel now if there's a question on your accounting or a question on your budget, whether you can procure certain items because large procurement is difficult and come August, you know, everyone's going to be fighting for large procurement because the deadline will be in August and you don't want to be in a pickle."

ARPA FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES – ED reported talking with the deputy chief of staff for heavy equipment. They are working with Dept. of Public Works.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS (ESF) GRANT – ED asked that before Districts send in their requisitions to get approval from Guam State Clearinghouse first so that Council can work on purchase orders. As long as Districts don't increase their bottom line to move funds around. The council president and ED will be setting up a meeting with Stephanie Flores regarding *The Leader In Me* and after school program to get the procurement procedure put in place. An orientation for all administrative assistants and mayors will be set up as to how they would be hiring coaches, teachers, arts and craftspeople, and how to handle *The Leader In Me* program because there's only one entity in Guam that's dealing with that.

Council president conveyed that mayors consider only those directly involved in the procurement affairs and recommended 8 am to 2 pm for a full orientation.

FUNDAMENTALS & PRINCIPLES OF PROCUREMENT (MODULE I) – Offered by Guam Community College, the course is from June 1 to 18 with no more than 3 students per agency/organization. Administrative Assistants from the Districts of Inalåhan, Tamuning, and Yona have registered. The cost is \$208 per person, which Council paid for. GCC will be sending agencies notification when the next Module I course will open up again and Council will choose the next three administrative assistants and clerks. ED reminded the Body to make sure that they attend and are available for this because it's not free. Mayor Jessy Gogue queried expanding attendance to municipal clerks. ED said Council would get through all the administrative assistants first before opening up for clerks. Mayor Savares queried if mayors choose to send a clerk if they could use their budget allotment. ED responded that the limiting factor is how many slots are available from GCC because it's not just our agency, but government-wide. ED will put mayors' requests into GCC.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS – Mayor Savares reported a quarterly community outreach to the people who can't come to the facilities for primary health care but what they want to do is go out where there are isolated areas and for mayors to identify these areas and limited access places in their communities. They are looking at July and early August.

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER) – Mayor Savares reminded mayors if they haven't RSVP'd for the high school graduations where their students go to try again.

GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL – Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado announced that they have selected six villages that were going to be recipients of the *Birth to Five Village Playtime*. The villages were to pick up their items at DPHSS in Mangilao, so they want to start at least getting them stored. There is going to be an orientation for all of the village representatives, and then they will begin the program within the summer.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES –

President thanked Vice Mayor Delgado for attending the Guam Coalition meetings and helping coordinate MCOG's participation in the wave last Friday.

Vice Mayor Delgado reported MCOG's commitment to the foster care initiative, which is doing a trailer for the Liberation parade. He thanked those who reached out to provide either monetary or in-kind donations to make it happen. GTA will be providing manpower from their employee group and assist with construction. *President* conveyed anything anyone can do to help with the construction, to reach out to Mayor Ungacta and Vice Mayo Delgado.

STRAY ANIMAL ROUNDUP – Mayor Paco reported that the additional funds for GAIN Is at DOA waiting for proper signatures of other government establishments to sign. GAIN is asking for mayors' support again to do some grass cutting and if there are mayors who would be nice enough to volunteer their staff, to call and let him know so he can schedule the dates. Mayor Bill Quenga suggested getting the Dept. of Corrections to help out. *President* gave a suggestion for Mayor Quenga to work with Mayor Paco on this.

At one point, all the mayors wanted dog and pig traps. Now that a load of traps came in nobody wants to buy. They are available for \$350, large or small at Hagatna Mayor's Office.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. **Bill No. 295-36 (LS)** – An Act to Temporarily Waive the Levy of Excise Taxes, Automotive Surcharges, and Mass Transit Automotive Surcharges on Liquid Fuel for One Hundred Eighty (180) Calendar Days and to Amend the Appropriations for the Department Of Public Works by Amending Subsection (J)(1) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 36-54. *President* called for a motion. **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to support the bill and seconded by Mayor Melissa Savares.** In discussion, *President* stated he is in support of this bill but unfortunately he didn't have Speaker Terlaje's bill which he would also be in support. He was unsure if it was Bill No.260 or 261. He brought it up at this discussion because he believed that if there was a government surplus it can be used to subsidize what would be an apparent shortfall if the liquid fuel tax was removed completely. **No further discussions or objections. Roll Call vote. 18 Ayes. Zero Nays. Motion carried.**

b. **Bill No. 284-36 (LS)** – An Act to Amend Article 3 of Chapter 51, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and Amend Article 3 of Chapter 24, Division 4, Title 22, Guam Rules and Regulations, Relative to Promoting Recycling and Zero Waste Initiatives.

President asked for a motion to approve or not approve a testimony to the legislature in support of this bill. No motion was made.

REVERTED BACK

President asked for a motion to support this bill because it does guarantee appropriation to the Mayors' Council of Guam from the Recycling Revolving Fund.

Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to support the bill and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague.

In discussion, *President* recognized and gave the floor to ED who stated that this proposed bill includes the Mayors' Council of Guam as a recipient of funds that are being generated by the abandoned vehicle registration that we all participate in every year for all the cars that we register. "MCOG can plan ahead at least this way we know what we're going to get. It may not be the same amount of money that we're getting now, but we're going to get something and that's better than nothing and so that's the reason why I think it behooves us to go ahead and support a bill that is a guaranteed funding source for the programs for the recyclables in our villages," he said.

No discussions or objections. Roll Call vote. 18 Ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – *President* expressed that he wanted to make sure that all 19 Districts are still ready to go with their village floats. It was voted on during the April meeting that village floats will be a certain dimension to be unified and that everyone would be able to participate financially and physically and it was agreed that Districts would use their trailer and attach it to their truck. He said, "Do what you can do for your village because it is a representation of your village, whatever you decide to do for your village, you should do and all of us have support systems in our villages. Use it. However you want to do your float, please prepare it, and let's show it off on the 21st of July because we're certainly excited to see it and we also voted that there'll be no cash award and that we will have people's choice award."

Mayor Rivera expressed that Graphic Center had offered to do the liberation booklet at no cost to the MCOG. *President* said the proposal should be sent to the committee by email, to ED, to himself, to the co-chairperson, former governor Carl Gutierrez or the governor as the honorary chairperson. Anyone wanting to contribute send something in writing; send them the sponsor form and have them fill it out. If they want to alter it by offering another kind of donation or contribute a certain way, they can certainly do that.

2. **MCOG CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES** – Committee chair, Mayor Paco said he will start having meetings as soon as Council president finds a venue. *President* expressed that it was only included in the agenda in case there was funding approval that was necessary. This will be omitted unless the chair had a request.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **WASTE TO ENERGY** – *President* stated having a previous guest speaker from GRRP who gave a presentation who also requested a resolution in support of waste to energy. The draft resolution was emailed together with the agenda.

Mayor **Jessy Gogue** was recognized. **Mayor made a motion to not adopt this resolution that was provided and it's not indicative of whether or not we support or don't support this waste to energy program. Seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague.**

In discussion, Mayor Gogue stated that Dave Sablan's recitals with regard to the resolution stated the waste energy facility provides a viable solution now to Guam's escalating solid waste disposal problems further saying it's a reliable, renewable energy source.

That is an incorrect statement. Waste to energy is not listed under USEPA guidelines or any guidelines that he is aware of. Waste energy is not, and has never been categorized as a reliable, renewable energy source.

Further in his resolution, he indicated a failure to act will result in continued cost and harm to the people of Guam and our precious environment. Mayor Gogue said that's really vague. If Council members wanted this resolution to gain any traction, there should have been some clarity in this particular whereas. It further states that the Mayors' Council of Guam supports the construction and operation of this waste-to-energy facility as part of the comprehensive solid waste management plan, incorporating recycling, incineration, composting, and landfilling.

Mayor Gogue said he is interested in how he created that statement because even in Bill 284-36 introduced by senator Sabina Perez, nowhere in this bill, which is the regulations relative to promoting recycling and zero waste initiative, does it reference waste to energy. Having read multiple documents regarding waste to energy facilities nationwide internationally some of the negative impacts waste energy could potentially have on such a small land mass. These larger countries, states, and nations can absorb if something were to go wrong. That is why the mayor made the motion not to support or endorse this resolution.

President expressed that he has heard from a few mayors and there were concerns. Most of the people that he heard from are in support of it, but still have questions and wanted to see how MCOG could partner waste to energy with zero waste and how they can work together. Even working towards zero waste, there's still going to be waste.

President stated he would hold off on adopting the resolution in order to have more discussions so that the Body can have a better idea of how to move forward with waste to energy and a more informed stance.

Mayor Gogue expressed that whatever company comes to MCOG and asks for support on an initiative did they do their due diligence and obtain the buy-in of the community?

No further discussions or objections. Roll Call vote. 5 Ayes. 10 Abstained. Motion failed.

President stated he would like to call for a separate meeting to address waste to energy. He will work with ED on how to format that meeting so that council members will have adequate information on making an informed decision. Whether the council invited Mr. Sablan and Senator Perez.

President asked for a motion to go back to agenda item committee reports, to Bill 284-36. **Mayor Savares made the motion to revert back and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No further discussions or objections. Motion carried.**

2. **45TH MCOG ANNIVERSARY** – Mayor Robert Hofmann reported calling a meeting to see who wanted to be part of the committee and then laying out a list of events. “The council was established in May but normally tied it in after the Labor Day side just so we can all enjoy, but I know we really want to join the labor day picnic as well. So I think we’ll start off in September and part of October, just as a way to have activities and space them out a bit. We’re looking at employee recognition awards, the proclamation, intramural games, and ending with a banquet,” he said.

President said, “One of the things that were discussed among the officers was participating in the annual government of Guam Labor Day picnic. Because most of us have families associated with government of Guam workers it would be okay to do that. One of the options that we did consider was requesting from the governor’s office to utilize the center of Ypao Beach Park and we would have our own gathering in the middle with a large canopy and have our own shuttle service just for the Mayor’s Council and for our staff and families. But that’s up to the committee to work out and whether or not that’s going to be the best option. However, we can participate in what is planned for the government of Guam.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ *President* announced both he and ED attended the Hagu Foundation Roundtable. He hoped that as the 19 villages, they can work to bring the awareness to the village level, to the community. Dr. Annette David gave a presentation and he will share that with Council members. To attend these meetings, it could be someone in your group or in your team that can help with fostering some type of awareness, and suicide awareness prevention in your community. He said to make that consideration.

➤ *President* recognized Clutch Guam, the Governor, and Lt. Governor’s Office. Through their collaboration with local artists, 10 public basketball courts were selected for court-murals, rim, and back-board replacements as a way to revitalize village communities.

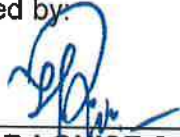
➤ Mayor Savares announced the kick-off of GTA’s Village Mural project at 10 a.m. at their Dededo business office along Marine Corps Drive.

➤ *President* recognized and thank Asan-Maina Mayor Frankie Salas as Council representative and coordinator to the governor’s Memorial and Veterans Day events. Mayor Salas thanked Barrigada, Yona, Inalahan, and Piti Mayors Offices and their staff for providing canopies, chairs, setting up, and breaking down.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



Mayors' Council of Guam

Treasurer's Report

DURATION: May 1, 2022 - May 30, 2022



ACCOUNT STATEMENT

Name of Account: MCOG REVOLVING FUND

Account Number: ***5181**

REVENUE		TOTALS
Previous Balance as of 04/30/2022	\$	41,640.75
Membership Dues (04-23-2022)	\$	675.00
Membership Dues (05-07-2022)	\$	675.00
Civil Weddings	\$	1,250.00
78th Liberation Donation	\$	10,000.00
	REVENUE	\$ 12,600.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,240.75
EXPENSES		TOTALS
Civil Weddings	\$	900.00
Food and Drink	\$	668.00
ADC Functions	\$	200.00
Bank of Guam Paper Statement Fee	\$	20.00
	\$	-
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,788.00
		\$ 52,452.75
	Adult Day Care	\$ 1,928.65
	AMIM	\$ 2,000.00

Prepared By:

Mayor Kevin J. T. Susuico

Treasurer

Date: 7/6/2022

Acknowledged By:

Mayor Jesse LG Alig

President

Date: 7-4-22



Mayors' Council of Guam

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VOTING RECORD

17th Mayors' Council of Guam
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DATE: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

PURPOSE: Support for Bill 295-36 - PASSED

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig	✓					
Mayor Dale E. Alvarez						
Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista	✓					
Vice Mayor Peter John S. Benavente	✓					
Mayor June U. Blas	✓					
Mayor Anthony P. Chargualaf						
Mayor Ernest T. Chargualaf						
Mayor John A. Cruz						
Vice Mayor Kevin AN Delgado	✓					
Vice Mayor Christopher J. Fejeran						
Mayor Jessy C. Gogue	✓					
Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann	✓					
Vice Mayor Rudy D. Iriarte						
Vice Mayor Loreto V. Leones						
Mayor Paul M. McDonald	✓					
Mayor Rudy A. Paco	✓					
Mayor Bill A. Quenga	✓					
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata						
Mayor Louise C. Rivera	✓					
Mayor Frankie A. Salas	✓					
Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez	✓					
Mayor Melissa B. Savares	✓					
Mayor Kevin T. Susuico	✓					
Mayor Vicente S. Taitague	✓					
Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves	✓					
Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta	✓					

TOTAL

18

Aye

Nay

**Not
Voting/
Abstained**

**Out
During
Roll Call**

Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning





Mayors' Council of Guam

Kamsichelon - United Together

VOTING RECORD

Motion by: *M. Savares* / 2nd by: *V. Taitague*

17th Mayors' Council of Guam
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PURPOSE: Support for Bill 284-36

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig	✓					
Mayor Dale E. Alvarez					✓	
Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista	✓					
Vice Mayor Peter John S. Benavente	✓					
Mayor June U. Blas	✓					
Mayor Anthony P. Chargualaf	✓					
Mayor Ernest T. Chargualaf					✓	
Mayor John A. Cruz					✓	
Vice Mayor Kevin AN Delgado	✓					
Vice Mayor Christopher J. Fejeran					✓	
Mayor Jessy C. Gogue	✓					
Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann	✓					
Vice Mayor Rudy D. Iriarte					✓	
Vice Mayor Loreto V. Leones					✓	
Mayor Paul M. McDonald	✓					
Mayor Rudy A. Paco	✓					
Mayor Bill A. Quenga	✓					
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata					✓	
Mayor Louise C. Rivera	✓					
Mayor Frankie A. Salas	✓					
Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez	✓					
Mayor Melissa B. Savares	✓					
Mayor Kevin T. Susuico	✓					
Mayor Vicente S. Taitague	✓					
Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves	✓					
Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta					✓	

TOTAL

18
Aye

0
Nay

0
Not
Voting/
Abstained

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Out
During
Roll Call

8
Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning





Mayors' Council of Guam

Womuchelen: Maktot Guåhan

VOTING RECORD

Motion by: J. Gogue 2nd by: V. Taitague

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PURPOSE: Support for Waste to Energy

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig	✓					
Mayor Dale E. Alvarez					✓	
Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista			✓			
Vice Mayor Peter John S. Benavente			✓			
Mayor June U. Blas				✓		
Mayor Anthony P. Chargualaf				✓		
Mayor Ernest T. Chargualaf					✓	
Mayor John A. Cruz					✓	
Vice Mayor Kevin AN Delgado	✓					
Vice Mayor Christopher J. Fejeran					✓	
Mayor Jessy C. Gogue	✓					
Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann			✓			
Vice Mayor Rudy D. Iriarte					✓	
Vice Mayor Loreto V. Leones					✓	
Mayor Paul M. McDonald			✓			
Mayor Rudy A. Paco			✓			
Mayor Bill A. Quenga				✓		
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata					✓	
Mayor Louise C. Rivera			✓			
Mayor Frankie A. Salas			✓			
Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez			✓			
Mayor Melissa B. Savares	✓					
Mayor Kevin T. Susuico	✓					
Mayor Vicente S. Taitague			✓			
Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves			✓			
Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta				✓		

TOTAL

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Aye

Nay

Not
Voting/
Abstained

Out
During
Roll Call

Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning

