



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President Mayor Melissa Savares* called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

***NOTE: former Yona Mayor Jesse M. Blas resigned January 30, 2020**

***Fourteen (14) members present at time of roll call. No quorum was established.**

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

Quorum established at 10:38 a.m.

President recognized and gave the floor to the Honorable Tina Muna-Barnes, Speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature who discussed the recent arrest of three students caught on video assaulting another student at a bus stop in Dededo. Speaker asked mayors to share their thoughts and comments that would help bring awareness and community outreach that could help bring to the forefront what could be done as leaders.

President stated that the responsibility is not just one agency/entity but also the community as a whole, hold the parents responsible and blamed the courts for releasing them in 24 hours.

In January, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero sent senators a bill seeking to hold parents accountable for the actions of their children. Speaker stated that the bill was introduced.

Mayor Robert Hofmann expressed expanding the definition of safe and drug free school zones that would include alcohol and tobacco to also include bus stops. Trash picked up at bus stops are mostly cigarette butts and beer cans. A lot of mom and pop stores are near schools that display these kinds of ads.

Mayor Paul McDonald said to put it in the law to detain the minor at Dept. of Youth Affairs for a few days to let them feel that it's wrong; let them be accountable.

Mayor Rudy Matanane said, "If we start from the parents, it won't go to the schools, but we have to do something to make these parents responsible because they don't care."

Mayor Dale Alvarez agreed with mayors' comments but his main concern is the law, it is too lenient. Parents are hesitant to discipline their kids for fear of being accused of child abuse. He said their kids shout and curse at them but they let them go because if the kids get bruises, the parents are reported to police.

Mayor June Blas echoed mayors' concerns and said more stricter laws are needed.

Speaker expressed maybe having a collaboration with the judiciary and see how to further define the punishments that are going to be needed or bring community awareness out or at least the judiciary to talk to because the cases are not even getting adjudicated.

Speaker stated that she hears the pleas of the mayors and will do something about it to really try to come up with these resolutions and will be hearing from her. She thanked Council members.

- III. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of February 2020 – Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera subject to corrections. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Mayor June Blas made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Jessy Gogue. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2020)

a. Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero, UOG Press on textbooks project to be used in GDOE elementary schools.

ED stated that this request is not time-sensitive, this is just one request and the president suggested canceling the March Special Monthly meeting and moving this to April.

Mayor Robert Hofmann motioned to cancel the March Special Monthly meeting and have the presenter come in April. Seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

2. Communications

a. **MCOG CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** – David Peredo, Disaster Program Manager with the American Red Cross Guam Chapter retired on February 28, 2020 and Council would be presenting him the certificate at noon today.

b. **USE OF SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS FOR ISOLATION SITES** – ED expressed that all of the mayors with senior citizens centers don't want them used for isolation sites because of close proximity to their offices, schools, are in the villages, and they have no showers which is one of the requirements for quarantine. The next option is community gymnasiums but they are at close proximity to schools as well.

President recommended the sports complex because it has showers and is far from residential areas and at least 300 feet away from the nearest school unlike the Astumbo gym, which is within 100 feet of two schools on each side.

ED stated that the Mayors' Council fully supports the efforts of the Dept. of Public Health but "must be very very cognizant of the fact that we don't want to create another problem over another problem so staying away from senior centers, staying away from populous places like gyms so we have to respectfully decline the use of our senior centers and especially also the gyms."

Mayor Robert Hofmann stated, "that the most vulnerable for this pandemic is senior citizens and putting them in that same environment; clean down, scrub down, sanitizing is going to be a lot harder to do because if you put infected people there, where do the seniors go?" Mayor felt the Council made the right decision by using the Tier II shelters or the sports complex.

c. **JOINT WOMENS'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE SPONSORSHIP**

President expressed that this request from Ms. AnnMarie Mateo is to sponsor an upcoming symposium. She informed Ms. Mateo to communicate directly with each of the mayors' offices. Mayor Jesse Alig recommended JWLC contact the individual offices.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU)** – *President* remarked that she planned for the village of Dededo around the third week of April for Animal Control Division to come out to do registration tags.

She had called several veterinarian clinics to inquire about microchipping but it is a cost of \$50 to the pet owner. Mayor Rudy Paco expressed that when DoAG director made her presentation, she said it was \$10. Mayor Rudy Matanane replied that DoAG is waiting for a bill from the governor's office to help with that.

Mayor Paco also expressed that DoAG needed to hire more staff. Mayor Jessy Gogue stated, "That that's the whole purpose with this dog registration, to try to do what the law was intended to do that's to try to generate revenue so that they could use that to hire more staff." *President* commented that the funding DoAG is waiting for, from the administration to turn over, is to also hire personnel. Mayor Matanane stated that's to reduce the fees from a lot of the items that needed to be done to the law. Mayor Paco expressed that he is trying to help out with the roundup but support is needed; dogs are being picked up but GAIN say they've got no room.

President asked Council members if teams would be set up for the roundup. Mayor Matanane remarked that it's supposed to start in 4 to 5 months but mayors were asked to do what they can.

2. RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENRIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM – ED reported the MOA is being drafted and would be submitted the only item needed to put in there is the amount of money. As mentioned in previous meetings, mayors and their administrative assistants must attend a mandatory pre-purchase order meeting so everybody is on the same page as to the requirements of Guam EPA and so the MCOG doesn't have to go through this what we're going through now where some mayors fulfilled the requirements and some did not. Council wanted to go ahead and get some of the funds and give it to the mayors that have complied, however, the ruling from Guam EPA is that because the MOA was with MCOG and not with the individual mayors, they would still have to wait until everybody is in compliance. The main problem was many of the invoices that were submitted is it did not identify a house nor did it identify a street name.

ED stated that the Governor's Office had agreed to assign an individual to assist the MCOG to work solely on the recycling program.

3. GROUND MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOLS FUND – ED expressed that for those mayors who are still cutting, to submit invoices for payment because there are still funds. Because there are still funds, mayors are just assisting them in trying to cut and trying to finish the funds up; it's a first-come first-served.

President stated that at the GDOE board meeting, superintendent Jon Fernandez said the requisitions are in, they just needed to cut the purchase orders. Mayor Robert Hofmann remarked that they are waiting for GDOE to set the parameters and schedule for the contractors.

4. 76th LIBERATION/GUAM ISLAND FAIR – The following mayors volunteered to chair and co-chair.

- **QUEEN** – Mayor Doris Lujan and Mayor Louise Rivera.
- **RAFFLE** – Mayor Melissa Savares and Mayor Rudy Matanane
- **MEMORIAL** – Mayor June Blas and Mayor Kevin Susuico

ED communicated to be prepared because the Governor's Office had already started the planning for the 76th. Mayor Hofmann commented that they should be picking a theme in a week or two.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. 2020 MCOG CHRISTMAS PARTY; SELECTION OF CHAIR/CO-CHAIR –

President said it had been determined that it is Mayor Susuico, Mayor Blas, Mayor Paco, and herself. She announced that the first fundraiser would be in April after Easter and the chair would be calling for the first meeting and asked that mayors send a representative if they cannot attend.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY – Council representative Mayor Rudy Paco reported that they are looking for volunteers for the board, preferably mayors from the south because they are planning on expanding their southern routes; at least two more mayors because it's hard to make a quorum.

Mayor Kevin Susuico volunteered.

Mayor Hofmann said that these meetings are held at a bad time for other Council representative Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte to attend.

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – Mayor Savares reported that they are still scheduling the tour of the schools and will inform Council members of their respective schools when it is set to join the group if their time permits.

Mayor reported an upcoming meeting for realignment of attendance areas for elementary. This was done about two years ago but because of new housing developments in the central villages, they are looking at realigning elementary schools again. They are still working on Chief Brodie renovations and \$2M is needed to complete that. The board is working with Senator Telena Nelson on that. They don't want to realign middle schools until they are sure they can realign students to Chief Brodie. As soon as she knows when the high school realignment is, she will inform Council members.

2. MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES – No reports.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *President* recognized Mr. David Peredo who was presented with an MCOG certificate of appreciation who retired February 28, 2020 and was the Disaster Program Manager with the American Red Cross, Guam Chapter.
- *President* reminded Council members of the Special Olympics on March 14 and asked for their participation.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Agana Heights Mayor's Office**.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor John Cruz motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Kevin Susuico. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Attested by:


MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Council Executive Secretary
16th Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:


ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration





ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 Time: 10:00am.

CTO 10:18am
A 11:57am

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/3	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LUJAN, Doris F.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Umatac	828-2940/8258	
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofof	789-1421/3262/4821	
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