



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Tamuning Senior Center
Tamuning, 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 AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:**

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	Inalåhan
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
* PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
* QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofof
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
**/R ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
○ GOGUE, Jessie C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
○ LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
○ SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
○ UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

○ = 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

President gave a short prayer to commemorate Memorial Day.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

IV. **APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES – Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF MAY TREASURER’S REPORT –Mayor John Cruz made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VI. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

1. **MARIE P. LIZAMA, AMERICAN JOB CENTER, DEPT. OF LABOR –** Presentation on the American Job Center and its range of services, including access to reliable, up-to-date information of jobs and programs that provide educational and work experience training to increase applicant employability. Ms. Lizama conveyed to the Body that PUA is going to end on September 4 and to inform constituents to take advantage of this time to go to *hireguam.com* if they are interested in any of the training and to get ahead of the number of people that are going to be seeking jobs. Through the AJC, those with disabilities are high in priority.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) for senior citizens aged 55 years and older combines community service, work for unemployed senior citizens with limited financial resources, and gives them the chance to work at minimum wage for 20 hours a week. Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria would be placed at public facilities, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Provided to Council members were pamphlets of FAQ's.

2. **FELIX REYES, DEPT.OF AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES/WESTPAC –** In the absence of Mr. Reyes, Mr. Frank Roberto, a biologist with DAWR sought mayors' outreach support to fishermen in their villages that registered and have not completed an application for fisheries funds under the CARES Act Relief Program. It is a grant from NOAA awarded to the Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission to provide fishermen federal financial assistance for being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline is extended to May 31, 2021. There will be a second round of funding so for those who have missed the first round, they can apply again this year.

3. **AILEEN ARTERO, WESTCARE PACIFIC ISLANDS –** Meet and greet of program managers and briefly summarized the five different youth programs WPI provides. From community and educational outreach and mentorship events, positive youth development skills, youth prevention program, parent outreach, community collaboration, mental health support and treatment services. WPI Youth Programs want to increase community collaboration and create a drug-free community. Ms. Artero asked for mayors' support in forms of opening up their villages to these programs and to form deeper partnerships and collaborative efforts on how everyone all can help each other for our island.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY; BUS SHELTERS** – Included in today's meeting packet, ED reported executive manager Celestin Babauta sought the Council's assistance with the number of bus stop shelters that were needed within the villages and a request to provide a resolution or a letter of support for a funding request congressman Mike San Nicolas was trying to obtain for additional GRTA funding. ED responded to be more specific because his letter was very general. ED also informed Council representatives, Mayors Kevin Susuico Anthony Chargualaf and both agreed. Until Council receives a routing plan, mayors would not know how many bus stops were needed in their villages. ED conveyed speaking with the chief planner at GRTA and he agreed that they needed to provide Council their program specifics are in order to respond accordingly.

2. **FY 2021 MCOG SHORTFALL** – ED reported that the governor asked that Council submit to Lester Carlson at BBMR a breakdown of shortfalls. The shortfall from revenue loss is \$2.8M in personnel, appropriations from Street Maintenance & Beautification (SMB), Island-wide Village Beautification Projects (IWVBP), Public Safety & Social Education Programs (PSSEP).

ED also included requested funding for Islandwide Cleanup Program, half a million every quarter up to FY2022, a total of \$2.5M. Lease or purchase of heavy equipment divided into 3 regions, the north, central, and south. Nineteen (19) pickup trucks. If that is not possible, at least two vehicles per village from GSA. The alternative is funding for repairs and maintenance of existing vehicles. The governor had committed to providing some of the funds from the American Rescue Plan.

President said the governor knows that mayors' offices need funding before June ends because mayors would experience the ramifications of the shortfall after that and is hopeful Council would get an answer.

President said he understood the concept with the heavy equipment divided into 3 regions but Dededo and Yigo should be its own region because they are large and rather to break it into four or five just so it would be effective. In discussions with not only the governor but also the legislature, the leadership is hopeful that they will consider more than just three regions for funding.

Mayor Paul McDonald gave suggestions to leave it up to Dededo and Yigo to see what they needed, get two tractor mowers for the big villages and Tamuning would be better off with a tractor mower with the arm, it would clean more than a backhoe. Mayor said he would stick to the three regions. He also expressed that he is left with an illegal dumpsite in Agana Heights knowing it is unfunded. He sought help from the lieutenant governor's office but they have not responded to his request.

President responded both he and ED asked for additional money for maintenance and the other angle is through Senator Joe San Agustin who is looking for funding and that would be supplemental to the RRF. Senator's goal is for the Council to receive that money this fiscal year. With the equipment, ED had included the riding mower with the side cutter and *President* had included that in his talks with Senator San Agustin. The leadership is looking at all possible angles and is trying their best to get enough funding for not only the equipment but for the services, maintenance and repairs.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS – Mayor Melissa Savares announced availability of vaccines at the Inalâhan and Dededo Northern Regional Health Centers on Fridays and Saturdays. *President* expressed that mayors who accept to have vaccination clinics, stressed to press it out to their residents and to anyone out there to be immunized.

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – Mayor Savares announced that the last day to register for the Summer School Program is Friday, May 7. Mayor said that at the meeting, GDOE superintendent brought up about several Districts turning in proposals for the after-school program. *President* conveyed that the Lieutenant Governor wanted Council to know they are working on approval and as soon as the leadership knows, he will notify the eight districts who had submitted their proposals.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU) – Committee member, Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista reported for the month of April 66 dogs and 19 cats were caught.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **UPDATE - RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM** – *President* reminded mayors to ensure their staff submit invoices on a timely basis. This will ensure the early release of the next cycle of funds. Come September 30, if invoices are submitted late, Council will not get funds again until half of the year is over and then it becomes a problem. Come the end of the fiscal year, ED can submit the report that is necessary to GEPA so that Council can receive the funds. At the beginning, districts were doing great submitting invoices but there were quite a few that fell behind.

ED expressed the same sentiment with the *President*. He reported all Districts except Agat and Asan-Maina have exhausted their purchase orders for abandoned vehicles and white goods and next week he will start giving increases. Green waste will start next week. He will meet via zoom platform with the GEPA board on May 20. At that time, if he could show them that Council have used up 80% of the \$1M already released then he could ask for the last \$300K to end up the fiscal year. Mayors have exhausted \$800,000 of the \$1M Council received thus far. Mayors who requested more purchase orders for abandoned vehicles and green waste will receive funds from the remaining \$200K.

2. **USERS FEE SCHEDULE** – ED expressed that because of the pandemic situation, this is not the time to ask residents to pay users fee to use a canopy, chairs, or use of recreational facilities. He said, "We don't want to add to their burden. These are trying times. Everybody is suffering. There is still joblessness and long lines at pandemic food distribution events. He had suggested to the Executive Officers to hold the Users Fee Schedule in abeyance or suspend it until such time residents have the ability to pay. He asked Council members for their support in the form of a motion until at least 2023 or until it becomes better. ED recommended that if anybody wanted to make a donation to use mayors' facilities, to go ahead and accept but if they weren't able to pay for anything, provide it to them because they are still paying taxes.

President asked for a motion to suspend the Users Fee Schedule indefinitely. **Mayor Anthony Chargualaf made the motion and seconded by Mayor Bill Quenga. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **LETTER OF SUPPORT; DEL. MICHAEL SAN NICOLAS – GUAM FISHERMAN'S CO-OP** – *President* asked for a motion to support the renovation and upgrades with the federal funding Delegate San Nicolas mentioned in his letter. **Mayor McDonald made the motion and seconded by Mayor Savares.**

In discussion, Mayor McDonald commented that he is familiar with the request and that it is about time something is being done to renovate the Co-op. *President* commented he is in support of any kind of renovation and upgrade of the Co-op for our island and the fishing industry and because there are several fishermen in Piti who are part of the Co-op who make additional money from the work with the Co-op and also contribute a lot significantly to the industry. Mayor Savares commented that part of the G3 initiative is to be a sustainable community to eat off, feed, raise our family with what we have in our resources and what the fishermen bring in is resources to put on our tables to what feed our families. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

2. **UOG COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY REQUEST** – *President* conveyed that he received a request from the university to assist their commencement ceremony by providing two large potted plants per village and is needed by May 23. The university did not provide specifics with the description or dimensions by this meeting but will send out more information in a day or two. Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado said Council should encourage them to reach out to Dept. of Agriculture since they can get everything all in one area because it was done before with previous graduations where they would just borrow potted plants. *President* asked vice mayor if he could be the POC. Vice Mayor accepted.

3. **BILL NO. 116-36 – RELATIVE TO ENHANCING AGENCIES CAPACITY TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL DUMPING** - *President* conveyed that this was talked about in the past where mayors issue citations and don't get any money from it and this bill would give 45% of the citation fee to the apprehending officer of the organization. The committee invited him to deliver testimony on Thursday, May 6 via virtual public hearing. *President* asked for a motion to support Bill No. 116-36. **The motion was made by Mayor Savares and seconded by Mayor June Blas.** In discussion, ED queried is it after the case is adjudicated because if it's not going to be paid out after it's adjudicated it may take two or three years down the road before mayors would be able to see any of that money come back. ED thought it should be clarified. *President* said he would ask that question. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ After there were no objections, *President* gave the floor to Dr. Robert Underwood who announced the I Kumision i Fino' CHamoru's second public hearing for the central villages on Wednesday, May 12 at the Asan Community Center.

➤ *President* announced that the Guam Marianas Training Center is offering a Community Health Care Worker course for a total of 80 hours. The schedule will be

worked out once we know how many is going to attend. There is no other credit they will receive other than certification and personal enrichment. *President* is hoping to get at least one representative from each office. The course is free; there is no cost for mayors' staff, MPC member or someone who assists at mayors' offices.

- ED stated that there are quite a number of district staff and officials that have not completed their Pre-Employment Physical clearance. He will have admin. secretary send out the listing and emphasized to get it done and submit to Dept. of Administration.
- In preparation for the Memorial Day ceremony, representative Mayor Frankie Salas reminded Council members for their support to provide two more 20x30 canopies. The ceremony is Monday, May 31 at the Veterans Cemetery.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by ***Mongmong-Toto-Maite Mayor's Office.***

XII. ADJOURNMENT

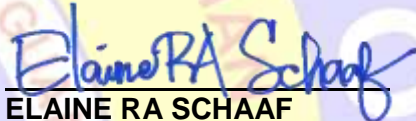
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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, May 5, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

*CTO - 10:10 a.m.
A - 12:04 p.m.*

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

PLACE OF MEETING: Tamuning Senior Center

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/33	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
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	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LEONES, Loreto V.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
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	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Agat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofofo	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
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Jay Gutierrez	DCAG DAWR	482-5842	
ROBERT LIZAMA	Gov. off.	685-1113	
Hannah Cho	DOL	300 4600	

