



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

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

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inaláhan
* CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humatak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O/R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O/R McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
O/R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo

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

Nineteen (19) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

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

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Jessie Gogue made the motion to approve the May report and was seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Samantha Brennan, GHS/OCD Advisor - Alert Warning All Hazard Systems
- Requested support and assistance in the maintenance of the immediate surrounding areas of their AHAWS sirens for both stationary and mobile units that are positioned in various locations around the community at least once a month. Denille Calvo, Project Manager expressed that they were able to start out with all the coastal areas and then move forward to address all the other villages.

2. Sean Ryan and Dr. Richard Rushforth, - Frontier Project
- Funded by the Department of Energy and collaboration between institutions and researchers as well as power utility companies and community stakeholders, a pilot program that started with an initial focus on looking at energy system resilience in island communities. They’ve been working closely with John Cruz as their point of contact at Guam Power Authority. The goal is to deliver an alpha version online decision support tool that GPA and community members can utilize to evaluate resilience options and help mitigate future risks to natural disasters. Mr. Ryan asked for Council’s input to provide local expertise on community lifeline providers, what kinds of impacts there would be if there was potentially a longer-term or kind of worst-case scenario, power outage in the communities. He asked Council members to take a survey that takes approximately 20 minutes. He provided a link and will also send it by email. The survey walks through what are those types of resources and input specific to the communities.

3. Peter R. Sgro, Jr. - Guam Heartbeat Act of 2022
- Asked for MCOG to support Bill No. 291-36 in the form of a resolution for testimony and to have MCOG's name added to a print advertisement flyer. Like the Texas law it is based on, it would grant enforcement authority exclusively to private citizens by allowing them to sue anyone facilitating an abortion for at least \$10,000. The only exemption under the bill is if the abortion is medically necessary to save the woman's life, or if her health would be severely impaired by proceeding with the pregnancy. There is no exception for pregnancies resulting from sexual assault or incest. Abortion can happen before the heartbeat is detected. **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to support the bill and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague.** In discussion, Mayor Jessie Gogue pointed out that his main concern is having MCOG as a government entity endorse the bill rather than staying neutral, considering that the community is divided on the issue.

President said, "That as a mayor we deal with those types of issues day in and day out. We have to be impartial when we work with our residents. In support of this bill, I think we are not simply just avoiding the other side of the coin. It is going to be pro-life. There's still the support level that we would give to the other side."

Mayor Gogue stated, "We as leaders, first and foremost, we must pretty much stay neutral in our official capacity and therefore be cognizant of how we stand in our official capacity as opposed to our private capacities as private citizens." Mayor Rudy Paco agreed with Mayor Gogue's comments.

Roll Call vote. 11 Ayes. 1 Nay. 7 Abstain. Motion failed.

4. David J. Sablan - Guam Resource Recovery Partners Waste-to-Energy Project
- A history of points of fact and supporting documents and settlement agreements were emailed to Council members prior to today's meeting. Mr. Sablan presented on the benefits of the project and on the Amended Solid Waste Construction and Service Agreement (Contract) with the Government of Guam. Mr. Sablan wanted support from MCOG through a resolution. *President* said he will share the resolution with everyone.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SENIOR CENTERS/ADULT DAY CARE REOPENING – ED reported the opening on Monday, May 2 with minor hiccups. It started out with a little bit less than 400 seniors and ADC clients that came back, but those numbers are expected to rise as the days go on. The only center that is not open is Malesso' because of the air conditioning.

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – ED reported waiting for the release of the other \$650K from GuamEPA and will most likely be approved at their May 18 board meeting. The next purchase orders mayors will be getting will be for tires, loose metals, green waste, and for abandoned vehicles and white goods for those that have already exhausted their purchase orders.

ARPA FUNDS – An email was transmitted yesterday to all Districts with the allotted amount of \$99,998 and \$100,036 for Dededo. The email shows the categories there in and is for beautification and recycling and guidance for its use. ED will honor requisitions for fuel, small and large equipment purchases that have to do with beautification and recycling contractual for grass cutting, and contractual for beautifying recreational facilities, mules, and the like. If the categories are not sufficient to cover for expenses or intended expenses, send ED a memo to shift some money around to the different categories.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS (ESF) GRANT – Requisitions are coming in. There were delays getting purchase orders out because many of the Districts were not asking for amendments or reallocation of funds. These requests need to be submitted and approved by the Guam State Clearinghouse. It does not go to MCOG office. Before MCOG can act on requisitions and issue a purchase order, Guam State Clearinghouse has to approve those amendments.

ED reminded the Body that their current FY22 budget cannot be commingled with the Education Stabilization Fund or the American Rescue Plan Act.

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING ON ARPA AND ESF PROCESS – Several mayors requested an orientation be scheduled for administrative assistants and whoever is assigned to these accounts so that they are fully aware of what these funds require. ED reminded that these are federal funds and have very strict reporting requirements and MCOG must comply or BBMR can always withhold the release of additional funds either to the MCOG or to the Districts if compliance is not met. Anticipate half-day or two-hour orientation. ED said, “It is requested all administrative assistants attend because if they don't attend and they come back with requisitions or reports that are incorrect, then there is no one to blame, but your offices because we are giving you an opportunity to come in and learn.”

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MEETINGS; OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW – ED suggested using a portion of ARPA operational funds for a purchase order to at least cover meetings up to the end of this fiscal year. The law says that you can use radio or TV. ED looked at the rate cards and they are very much less expensive than printed media. The radio will read out the meeting information verbatim the way it is printed out in a newspaper publication. ED will ask the AG's opinion on what fulfills the requirement of an open government meeting announcement. Mayor Anthony Chargualaf requested asking whether mayors need to adhere to the law since their agenda items are strictly just within their own municipalities. ED stated that he can ask once again, but thought the AGs response answered that it all has to do with transparency.

President stated it was discussed at the last meeting that ED would be working with other people to amend that open government law and knows he is working on that.

COVID DIFFERENTIAL PAY – ED reported all AAs and timekeepers have been advised there will be no more after March 6. They were told to submit their last timesheets, which is the end of this week for this pay period and DOA already acknowledged that they'll try to payout as soon as they can. Funds came from ARPA, which the governor had given to MCOG under personnel funds and salary.

ARPA FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES – ED reported working with DPW to get the specs. What MCOG requested for was \$65,000 per District, which amounted to one 4x4. ED heard from some mayors that they don't need a 4x4. A survey would be put out this week, before ED finalizes the request to DPW on the vehicles. There is one 4x4 or two 4x2s, or mayors can combine one 4x2 and one sedan or two sedans or one stake truck or one van, but not everything on that list; its whatever \$65K can get.

MCOG FY 2023 BUDGET HEARING – Scheduled for Friday, May 6 at 9 a.m. ED will testify and answer questions from the senators and recommended to the president to have officers and Council members testify based on their concerns this past year. The hearing is open to everyone who wanted to testify. The proposed elimination of two maintenance positions to DPW is no longer on the table. Mayors will retain the two positions. MCOG budget will not receive any funding from the Guam Highway Fund, but instead from the General Fund. The Limited Gaming Fund will be less than FY 22, at only around \$380K compared to the \$460K that received for FY 22.

One piece of contention is that carryovers will not be recommended by the Office of Finance and Budget unless it is voted on in session.

Senator San Agustin made it very clear that he himself will not support carryovers in any agency, not just MCOG but if there is support from other senators to do carryovers, then he would have no choice, but to allow it. ED asked Mayor Hoffman to come to the hearing to expound on the need for carryovers. *President* conveyed that if you have a specific reason for keeping a large sum of money in your account, to please make sure that they come on Friday and provide testimony as to why they are saving that money.

MCOG will request an amendment with a notwithstanding clause to use LGF for maintenance and support of other community programs like Zumba, cultural dancers, dancers, and purchase of equipment for maintenance. ED asked that the president expounds on this.

ED will ask to lift the current cap of \$50K for purchase orders issued for recyclables. Mayor Savares will expound on why \$50K should be lifted and just have no cap at all.

ED will ask that the open government act be amended to have the requiring party for a zone change, lease agreements, height, and variances, be responsible for paying the meeting notices instead of the affected mayor's office. ED asked Mayor Louise Rivera to justify the need.

ED asked Mayor Anthony Chargualaf to testify on his proposal to have each village prepare their own budget and do an incentive pay for their employees, at least those that have been tenured for two years or more because right now employees have no increments. Mayor Chargualaf said he will propose the distribution of funds utilizing the population rather than the road mileage.

ED asked Mayor Ernest Chargualaf to give him an opportunity to come before the legislature and let them know what he feels about the distribution of funds on VOMBPS.

ED asked Mayor Rudy Paco to come and justify the need of giving funds to MCOG and the Districts for the stray animal program that it just shouldn't be all going to GAIN or to the Department of Agriculture.

GUAM MARIANAS TRAINING CENTER – Their flyer was disseminated in mayors' boxes earlier in the week. The center is offering free training on a virtual platform for community health care workers. Mayors need to identify staff or someone in their village that is willing to be trained. Call Fe Valencia-Ovalles because she wants to get this program off and running. The Community Healthcare Worker outreach is funded through the Office of the Governor.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR
- The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Thursday, May 19 at the Cabinet conference room, Adelup.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STRAY ANIMAL ROUNDUP – Mayor Paco reported Dept. of Agriculture would allocate \$200K to build seventy-two (72) kennels. Mayor expressed that he would speak at the MCOGs budget hearing. Mayor Paco stated that according to DoAG director Chelsa Muna-Brecht, she said mayors are going to have reserved kennels strictly for them but even at that when mayors went up there and renovated those kennels, GAIN still does not have room. He surmised that agriculture should also build some kennels for standby purposes. “There is only two animal control staff for the 19 Districts. It's not going to work where animal control is our staff. We're not trained to catch these dogs and then when we do call them, they're not around. They just need to work on their part. We can only do so much,” the mayor said.

President stated, “What we can do for your testimony is to outline the financial impacts to the mayors and it would be best to figure out how that will affect our operations and outline the issues and its cost and whether they fund us or they fund agriculture, as long as somebody is funded to get it done, to get the job done.”

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – Because Superintendent Jon Fernandez will be stepping down in sixty (60) days, **Mayor Savares made a motion to prepare a certificate of appreciation and invite him to Council's next regular meeting for the presentation. Seconded by Mayor Hofmann. No discussions or objections. The motion passed.**

USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES FERAL SWINE TASK FORCE – *President* had not yet heard back from the groups and they have not yet reconvened another meeting from the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District who is working actively for the six additional traps for the south. They were supposed to continue to work with them to model a pilot program so that the Northern could do the same and work with USDA as well.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS** – As reported under Executive Director's Report. *President* said he received a report from SCO and it seemed like a great first day. He acknowledged the work that the mayor, the vice mayor, and their staff have done to open the centers.

2. **FOSTER CARE PROJECT** – *President* gave the floor to Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado who reported as of April 2022 the number of children that were being serviced in the foster care program is at five hundred sixty-six (566) and there are sixty-five (65) licensed foster families. In honor of foster care and celebration of foster care month, this May 9 there's a proclamation signing and it's on zoom. He will send that link to those who are able to participate. There will be a wave at Chief Quipuha Park from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm and the president's asking that there be at least one representative or as many representatives as we can. Because it was asked how they wanted to end MCOGs commitment with DPHSS, they had one request. They've asked that a float be built for the parade. Mayor Allan Ungacta is willing to take the lead in building a trailer for them as big as Mangilao's trailer would be on behalf of the MCOG.

President gave thanks for offering to help and announced if there was anyone that wanted to assist with the float to offer their help. He asked that the vice mayor share information as Mangilao prepares the float on what might be needed in-kind, perhaps, maybe some of the villages will be able to help out in that way. For the record, Mayor Hofmann offered cash assistance.

3. **78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – *President* reported nothing has changed since the last time they met. At the joint media press conference, the theme and logo were announced. The float specifications were still the same.

4. **GUMA I BISINUN MAMI PROGRAM**– *President* gave Monica Guzman the floor. Ms. Guzman gave updates to the Body. The total surveyed was four hundred sixty-one (461). The total registered was one hundred thirteen (113). In their first-quarter registration data, thirty-seven percent (37%) of villages were visited and trained. Forty-seven (47) attendees to date. Thirty-four (34) completed training. Twelve (12) new licensed businesses and three (3) new licenses are pending. Upcoming training is scheduled for Malesso', Humatak, and Inalåhan. They received \$250K from the legislature that was signed by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and that funding is going to go to their project and to the home-based businesses that have attended the program and can start their business. In 2023, they want to go back out and do another round, regionally and will ask the mayors to help in doing the outreach in their Districts. They are still working in the village resource directory and have village trade fairs that they are planning. They have close to \$19K set aside for the village trade fair that will assist the mayors. They will have separate discussions with each of the mayors if they wanted to do it jointly with their sister villages or if they wanted to have their own village trade fair.

Vice Mayor Delgado expressed that what mayors can do to help their constituents is to let them know that if they miss their village presentation, they can register for another village's presentation and there's going to be more cohorts.

Mayor Savares expressed that as mayors and vice mayors, give encouragement to our residents because we know who they are.

Their staff developed flyers for each village, putting posters in mom and pop stores, and are pushing it out on social media to promote it.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **MCOG CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES** – *President* expressed that he would like to challenge the Council to consider embarking on either another campaign or a very similar campaign that continues to help families and children because mayors have seen the work that was done, at least the outreach and has proven significant. He was open to anything and suggested thinking outside of the box.

Vice Mayor Delgado proposed re-introducing the village intramural program in doing that mayors can address positive physical health and positive mental health.

Mayor Hofmann expressed that there is a group of people in need that he constantly sees receiving supplies, which are m̄anamko' at St. Dominic's and Guma Trankilidat. Mayor thought that would be an interesting focus for MCOG this coming season because not many of them have any family left or some of them are under the ward, the care of the public guardian. "We did the kids now let's focus on the elderly," he said. This is his proposal.

With the m̄anamko, Mayor Savares expressed that because of COVID, the interaction with their families was very limited at St. Dominic's. They do not need much but the gift of presence.

President liked both ideas and asked if there were a group of mayors that wanted to put together the intramural sports. Mayors Savares, Alvarez, and Vice Mayor Delgado volunteered. He asked if they can get together, and come up with a plan of action by the next meeting. *President* thought melting Mayors Hofmann and Savares' suggestions and what could be most significant or most impactful.

President will take more suggestions at the next meeting and then vote on the proposals so that they could move forward.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ *President* conveyed to Council members, "Initially when we decided to have one meeting, it was because of our special meetings, we invited guest speakers and never had a quorum. The decision was to include these speakers at the regular meetings so we would have a quorum and they would be able to speak to all the mayors. We're finding that these meetings are too long. When Elaine sends out a request for audience, please make sure that you're clear that you really want them to appear. You can always say that you're not interested in having them come to this meeting, but you want the information and then we can send you their information." He asked that they make that a thoughtful consideration. There will be a *Special Meeting* on May 18 at 2 pm. and every third Wednesday of the month at 10 am. To take formal action a quorum is required. Council will continue to follow the *Open Government Law*.

Vice Mayor Delgado queried if it would be convenient for colleagues to do this via *Zoom*. *President* asked for a show of hands and announced that Council will have both in-person meetings and via virtual platform and still be counted towards a quorum.

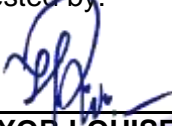
➤ *President* announced every Monday starting May 9 Council will have a mayors show from 10 to 11 am on K 57 called *It's Your Village*. He will ask everyone in order if they'd like to appear to host the show and their opportunity to talk about your village. If a mayor does not wish to appear alone and you wanted to appear with another colleague, they can do that as well. He encouraged everyone to join. He will start out first on May 9. "I know that I didn't get your approval for it, but I feel like it's great to get everybody out there and I will be there if I have to be there with you," he said.

➤ Asan-Maina Mayor Frankie Salas is Council's representative for Veterans and Memorial Day events at Adelup. He requested assistance with any equipment that they might need for these events such as canopies and chairs. *President* said to assist him if they have any of that available.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

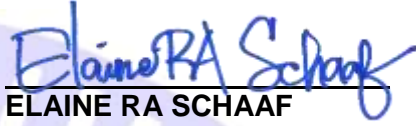
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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Transcriber
MCOG – Administration





Mayors' Council of Guam

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VOTING RECORD

17th Mayors' Council of Guam
Regular Monthly Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 2022

PURPOSE: Support for Bill 291-36

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

11
Aye

1
Nay


7
Not
Voting/
Abstained

Out
During
Roll Call

Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning





ATTENDANCE SHEET

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A 1:21 pm

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

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.	Malesso'	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagåtña	477-8045/47	
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Hågat	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.	Humatak	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.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talo'fo'fo'	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT		SIGNATURE
TRINIDAD HUPANA	YIGO		
Genevieve Carnos	Agana Heights		
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MARIO PADILLA	SMO	929-0875	
P. Santos	SPRP	685-1799	
Helena Owens	36 WG/PA Andersen AFB	787-5560	
Breanna Gossett	36 WG/PA Andersen AFB	787-7140	
Matthew Camacho	FDM	469-1933	
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