



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2023
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

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

Nineteen (20) 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 JUNE MINUTES – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT– Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve the May report and seconded by Mayor Robert Hofmann. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

FY24 BUDGET REQUEST – Public hearing was on July 11. A legislative proposal or amendment to allow Community Maintenance Workers to receive Hazardous Pay during emergencies or disasters was one of the key recommendations made. Bill No. 150-37(COR) amending Section 6225 of Title 4, GCA was introduced by Speaker Terlaje, Senators Dwayne Sari Nicolas and Jesse Lujan, and it states that it is intended "for those employed and specifically identified by the Mayors' Council of Guam as hazardous duty personnel, upon exposure to dangerous conditions in preparation and following typhoons and during the period of declaration of emergency."

Referring to ED’s statement during the public hearing, Mayor Savares stated that her concern is the prioritization of the needs of the residents of the community and constituents over the size of the land. There is a difference between caring for the people and caring for the region given the landmass, mountains, hills, rivers, wildlife, and vegetation in the smaller villages present in the south compared to Tamuning’s condos, businesses, and population.

According to the council president, if providing services is our obligation, then population may come before or have precedence over maintenance. He opined that it's a good point and a valid reason to continue the discussion about the duties of mayors based on the Guam Code.

Executive Director said the reason why he brought it up is to point out to the legislature that it's their responsibility, not MCOG, to decide what formula to use because they're the ones appropriating the money. The Body has not set any definite formula as to how to distribute funds appropriated by the legislature.

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf once more emphasized to all of his colleagues how important it would be to focus on creating their own budgets because doing so would be a more practical alternative than continuing to go through this process for years to come.

ED said he just wanted to add that he did testify at the public hearing that the FY25 budget would likely come in a different way than MCOG had been doing it. He also mentioned that he expects every village to formulate its own budget and they will compile it, and that the legislature will be the ones to decide it. Put in their budget based on factors such as the presence of their activities, services, population, or whatever else it may be, then go before the legislature to fight for it and provide justification.

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – POs were issued to restart the Abandoned Vehicle Program for those villages that have requested an increase. *White Goods* POs were placed on hold because these items are part of the cleanup efforts by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

ETHICS TRAINING AND THE PROCUREMENT MODULE TRAINING – ED said it's commendable that more villages are completing the ethics training. MCOG-Admin will register as many Administrative Assistants as are allowed as soon as GCC's procurement training modules are made available. MCOG-Admin pays for the training.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND (ESF) – By September 30, the money that had been allocated must be encumbered. No notice had been given that it will be extended past September 30.

GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GEDA) GRANTS – Community Education grants should be given special attention in order to avoid missing the chance to encumber them in accordance with the grant requirements which is December 2023.

NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT (NDWG) – As part of the ongoing grant process with DOL, applicants have already received calls from the agency.

STATUS OF ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM AND GUMA SERENIDAD 24 HOUR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE SERVICES SHELTER, AND STATUS OF AN AGREEMENT OF SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS – Will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow, August 3. Ten senior centers are back in operation. Astumbo will be back in 2 weeks and Tamuning is awaiting AC repairs. ADC centers are all open. The Emergency Shelter is at capacity with six clients.

QUARTERLY REPORTS – Include all grants received as revenue in non appropriated funds report so that expenditures recorded are not more than the revenue stated in your report. ED stated, "I've been noticing that some of you that have received the \$600K or so it's not being shown on your non-appropriated report yet is showing as an expense in the expenditure portion so some of you would have only a \$100K or so, of course, because of the \$100K from the governor's issuance to you, but then your expenditures are over a \$100K which, I'm sure the auditor is going to ask how are you spending more money than you're taking in? And what's happening is that your grant is not showing on your quarterly report. It may have shown in the last quarterly report, but you need to carry over that amount into the new quarterly report, whatever the balance is so it doesn't show that you have more expenditures than you do have revenue."

VEHICLE PURCHASE – ED is aware that quite a few Districts have purchased vehicles from their existing grant funds. He stated, "I just want to reiterate that Title IV, Chapter 1, Section 1103.3 does mandate that official vehicles must be clearly identifiable. And I'll leave it at that."

EMPLOYEE VACANCIES – ED advised mayors to fill vacancy positions as quickly as possible and to not put themselves in a position where the Guam legislature might decide to stop funding these positions for FY 24 simply because they're still vacant.

Pending clearances and the outcomes of drug tests, two AAs will be hired for the administrative office before the end of the month, one AA for SCO and one AA for ADC. These positions are both LTE and unclassified.

FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE – Districts who registered for Typhoon Mawar public assistance, to work closely with their assigned officer through the Guam Recovery Office for all claims.

AMERICORPS CHAINSAW DEBRIS PROGRAM – In order to avoid giving people false hope because everyone is saying the same thing, Mayor Hofmann requested that ED close out the AmeriCorps program and publicly apologize when he meets with FEMA or other representatives on that end. Mayor said flyers were passed out. The crisis portal exists. They have open tickets of requests. He told people as they were signing up, that there is no guarantee here. Residents are trying to find an answer to where do they go.

Council president stated that there were too many applicants and they could not address all of them. AmeriCorps asked mayors to identify the highest priorities since their crews will only be able to serve 20% of applicants.

ED shared from the FEMA meeting that they got approval to extend the program and will get more information on that extension on Friday. He will request from FEMA that one of the representatives attend those meetings so that there is feedback.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Boards and Commissions –

Guam Education Policy Board (Ex-Officio member) – Mayor Savares reported that while the school community and parent PTOs should actually come out and assist, she thinks schools are requesting assistance from the government organizations that have adopted them. For northern schools, there was only one inspection schedule. Mayor had not yet received any notices of inspections, but if she does for central and southern schools, she will send them out so that the mayors can accompany the staff and the inspectors.

Mayor Kevin Susuico thanked Mayor Savares and Executive Director and GDOE board member Sablan for continuously following up on the Oceanview Middle School relocation. Because of their advocacy to keep the school there, the school board chose to permit the administration to remain at the school to make improvements and raise their grade rather than transferring to Southern High School.

Sister squadrons and sister commands, according to Mayor Savares, are ready and prepared to perform volunteer work; mayors only need to make contact with them.

Community Health Centers – Mayor Savares reported that even if a resident has Medicaid, MIP, or Medicare, and doesn't have any primary health care, the Northern and Southern Health Centers are asking them to fill out a sliding fee in order to receive a discount on doctor visits and medication when they visit their community health centers. The mayors' offices in Dededo, Inalahan, and Mangilao will be given those forms.

COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION – *President Alig* said they are still planning the Fanhita Manhoben conference that supposedly will happen in September. He'll let the Body know.

ELDER JUSTICE CENTER PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL – The council did convene, according to *President Alig*, but there was not a quorum and nothing was done. He doesn't think the War Claims Adjudication Committee will meet again since the last meeting was last week and the last appeal was adjudicated.

B. Standing Committees – No. Reports.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

79TH LIBERATION REPORT – *President Alig* thanked all of the mayors for their support and participation in the 79th anniversary celebration and their staff for helping to make the celebration a huge success from start to finish: from mass, and memorial ceremony to block party.

The treasurer was unable to prepare the report because of the Hagat Mango Festival this weekend. All payment requests have been received. At the end of this year the council, according to *President Alig*, will owe no one anything. When the report is finished, it will reflect any outstanding debt as well as the fact that the previous year's debt has been paid. He is aware that Mayors Savares and Rivera submitted requests for payment, and it'll be closed out as well. The announcement went in today for the raffle winners. By next meeting, the council will see a full close out and a report to the Office of Accountability.

Mayor Hofmann stated that there was not much time to plan, and the Marines immediately and without hesitation replied "Yes." They were the first and only DOD to respond without hesitation. Numerous private companies pitched in to aid, but the Marines really came through and made a sharper impression. The territorial band, the color guard, the rifle, and the TAPs all did an outstanding job, and the mayor thanked the police department for stepping up as well.

DISTRICT ARPA BALANCES AND PLANS –The funds must be used, according to *President Alig*. Mayors need to develop a plan if they haven't already because if they don't use the money, no one will get the other half. Without a plan and without sending in any requisitions those mayors will bind the other mayors and that will be bad because the governor could use the money for something else. The funds don't expire until next fiscal year but the work needs to start now. He said requisitions needed to be submitted now so its known the funds are being used.

He is aware that several mayors are waiting for their vehicles and is optimistic that there won't be any further delays. What you buy with any grant money is irrelevant since the governor gave the ARPA money for that use, and mayors choose how to spend it. A mayor is owed a vehicle and must get it because he submitted a request for one.

To further the point on the ARPA beautification, mayors who still have issues spending that money either speak directly to the executive director or let him know.

USACE CLEANUP PROJECT – President Alig recognized and gave the floor to Lt. Col. Chelsey O’Nan.

Timeframe of the removal of disaster debris from Ypao Point, Tamuning, the former Tiyan carnival grounds in Barrigada, and the old Dededo transfer station is a three to six-month time period.

Debris removal happens in stages. Everyone is qualified. They will make a single pass over the entire island. Following that, they will notify the mayors of their impending arrival, and residents will put the debris out within the right of way (ROW). Then, refinement crews will visit each village to ensure that everything has been divided into three piles, vegetation, white goods, and C&D (Construction and Debris) To speed up the process for USACE, mayors' assistance is needed to make sure residents separate those piles. After the refinement, three different piles will be picked up.

White goods. Anything from refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers. USACE ask that you don't leave the door sealed or unsecured. C&D are building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, and plumbing. And vegetative debris, which is tree branches, leaves, logs, and plants.

There is no set schedule or sequence because one moves faster than the others and will go to new areas. Some residents may see the vegetation disappear. That doesn't mean they aren't picking up the rest. They're coming with different trucks later to pick up each of those different piles.

They're looking at the upper third of the island as well as the bottom third. Their contractors are working from the north down to Route 4 and from the south up to Route 4. A more refined timeline will be provided to each mayor. There is no specific timeline because there are many circumstances that could cause a delay such as mechanical problems, bad weather, and other similar things. The contractors are going to go down each and every road in each village and will still come back and go down each individual side street. Contractors can't go on private property. They will take debris within the right of way (ROW) within 10 ft of the curb.

Ineligible Disaster-Related Debris Daily household trash, tires, vehicles, boats, porcelain (toilets, tubs) electronics, and household hazardous waste (oil, batteries, pesticides, paint, cleaning supplies).

All the green waste will be taken to Tiyan. C&D is going to be taken to Layon Landfill. Still working on where the metals are going to end up but will probably be Tiyan or one of the other Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS).

Mayors June Blas and Louise Rivera both questioned whose decision it was to allow these debris sites. In response, Lt. Col. O’Nan said they work under the direction of FEMA. ED responded that the sites have been authorized by EPA. Because Chamorro Land Trust Commission is the legal owner of the land at Ypao Point, EPA contacted them. EPA went to Mayor Blas to get her approval for Tiyan. EPA owns the former Dededo Transfer Station so they didn't need approval from anybody, but they are the ones responsible for opening those sites. It was not anybody from FEMA. FEMA just took the decision of EPA, and now they are monitoring those sites.

The Executive Director addressed Eric Haliburton and stated, "We did hear, and you were at that meeting on Monday, Linda Ibanez from Public Works said, if that road has already been serviced, and then debris comes out from the Americorps chain crew gang, Public Works will pick it up." Mr. Haliburton acknowledged. ED stated that USACE will work directly with mayors to make the announcements and distribute them to your residents. However, after they pass and two days later residents decide to cut anything down once more and leave it outside, they will no longer be coming to pick it up.

GUAM MEDICAL MISSION HOSTING – As approved by this council a couple of months ago to host the luncheon, select a venue, and provide entertainment for 200 people on August 13. The venue, caterer, and entertainment have not been selected. If anyone would like to assist, let the president know within a day or two.

SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS – The draft MOU has been sent to those mayors with senior centers. The meeting is at 10 am tomorrow with the Division of Senior Citizens. Those mayors were asked to present their thoughts and inquiries to the meeting so that they could finalize that MOU.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

FY 2023 BUDGET CLOSEOUT – *President* reminded the Body to submit all invoices for payment on time, whether it is the recycling revolving fund or not, and make sure their accounts are cleared properly.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

i. **Employee Appreciation** – The president asked the Body if all were in agreement on having a Christmas party. There were no objections. Two hotels responded. Dusit Thani, priced at \$77 per person, was an option available December 1. The Hyatt is available December 22 at \$75 per person. A proposition was made to have it catered at Government House.

In discussion, Mayor Savares suggested staff put out \$15 each pay period, it won't be too hard on their finances to pay the remaining sum, and their ticket will be paid for December 1 at that point. The 22nd is cutting it close. Some are already doing novenas, Christmas parties, school Christmas programs or family parties are underway. Because Government House isn't big enough to fit everyone inside, the terrace outside will also be used, but we still have to pay to use the facility.

Mayor Rivera made the motion for December 22 at the Hyatt and seconded by Mayor John Cruz. In discussion, Mayor Ungacta suggested if we pushed it back and let things settle down, the price would be a little bit better and there would be availability after Christmas.

Mayor Rivera said she'd like to help and be a part of fundraising efforts if it's the cost that's a concern for the staff.

The president agreed with Mayor Ungacta's suggestion and added his opinion to Mayor Louise's comment that he dislikes fundraising because, by the time you're done, we could have already put out the 200.

The mayor and staff should be paid for, the president suggested. Guests have to be paid out of pocket. He doesn't believe the Council should fundraise for the guests and that the mayor's office can have its own fundraising for the guests.

Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado suggested having it at the UOG Fieldhouse.

Call for the vote. Only two hands raised in favor. The motion failed.

This is our Christmas party, and we don't want our personnel to work, according to Mayor Savares, the same if MCOG utilizes Government House. The catering, clean up, and set up, need to be paid for.

In order to plan, Mayor Ungacta motioned that the Body moves the Christmas party to some point in January seconded by Vice Mayor Delgado.

In discussion, the Council president asked if the motion could be amended to also cover the costs of our staff members as well as the mayors and vice mayors. **Vice Mayor Delgado seconded Mayor Ungacta's amended motion to include funding for the staff members of the Mayors' Council, the mayors as well as their staff. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.**

ii. Village Contest – **A motion to have a Christmas tree decorating competition with one entry per village and a date for the judging to be determined later was made by Vice Mayor Delgado and seconded by Mayor Savares.** In discussion, a simple prize package will be put together by the council president and vice mayor Delgado. **All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.**

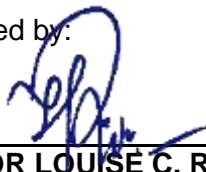
X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council president said the GTA Youth Leader Program will be forwarded by the council president. They are taking applications and requesting the mayors' assistance in disseminating them to constituents.
- Council president stated that a handout of the Guam Strong Program was disseminated to each mayor at today's meeting. He advised to don't share with anybody because mayors need to understand the program before they start inviting people to apply and that this information is for mayors to be prepared for this program. The president gave the floor to Michael Kern, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison said this program was announced, it was requested by the governor, it was approved by FEMA to make emergency home repairs using volunteers who have those skills that will be brought to the island. This is a limited resource getting urgent assistance mobilized to support typhoon repairs on Guam.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

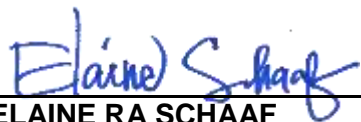
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

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SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
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Madam Secretary ,

This is a request to attend our meeting via zoom as I will be a bit late for in person attendance.

Attending to an last minute matter.

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Mayor Kevin

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