



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Tamuning Senior Center
Tamuning, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

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

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

Nineteen (19) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

President recognized Senator James Moylan, former Lieutenant Governor Mike Cruz, Superintendent Jon Fernandez and Deputy Superintendent Joe Sanchez

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor June Blas. Ayes have it. None opposed. The motion carried.**

IV. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES – Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor John Cruz. Ayes have it. None opposed. The motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve the February and March report and seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. Ayes have it. None opposed. The motion carried.**

VI. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

1. **SENATOR JAMES MOYLAN** - Senator presented Bill No. 50-36, a Public Private Partnership for the repairs, rehabilitation, and/or maintenance of Village Sports Facilities. This would allow private entities to contribute in exchange for business privilege and excise tax credits. The bill is limited to \$500K per year for a four-year period that could be extended if funds are not exhausted. The Mayors’ Council would have regulatory oversight and authority to approve the repairs and rehabilitation and maintenance plans for each project. Senator asked for the Council’s support in the form of a resolution. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion for a Council resolution to support Bill 50-36. Seconded by Vice Mayor Albert Toves. Ayes have it. None opposed. The motion carried.**

2. **GDOE SUPERINTENDENT JON FERNANDEZ AND MANAGEMENT TEAM –** Presented the need for mayors’ partnership and support for Community Learning Centers to fulfill their potential as hubs for community activity, community partnership to provide school age children and their families’ access to computers and the internet to support online learning. Funding for this initiative will be provided through the Governor’s Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). *President* expressed that every village is going to have a different response to how they wanted to operate it so those mayors that are interested, Council would coordinate and relay it directly to superintendent and then make that personal communication directly with them.

3. **GUAM DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL** - Executive Director Jermaine Alerta requested mayors support and partnership for their offices to serve as an internet and Wi-Fi accessible location within their respective village for paratransit riders to schedule and customize their rides for the App Mobility Enhancer (AMBLE) mobile application recently released by the Guam Regional Transit Authority. AMBLE is part of the “One Call, One Click” Transportation Management System technology which enhances services with features that provide more convenience. GDDC is also looking at community-based story telling or projects where they represent each village and have a family or individual with a developmental disability highlight their story and some of the services they go through and contributions they made to the community. *President* expressed that it would be beneficial at their end if the GDDC wanted to reach out to the mayors.

4. **GUAM NATIONAL GUARD** – Maj. Melvin Pilarca, operations officer for the 105th Troop Command introduced the mayors to an ongoing program that could help their villages in the form of clearing government land or cutting down a hill, using engineer company resources at no cost to the mayors' offices. This will help mayors' offices free up funds that they could use for maintenance and operations. The only catch is that mayors will have to take care of all the permits, clearances and fees associated with the work that the National Guard will perform. To avail of this program, mayors must go through the Guam National Guard's request process by submitting a memo via email to the Office of the Adjutant General.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED reported that the shortfalls Council had in the FY2020 budget due to cuts both in personnel and services, the governor assured him she would dedicate a portion of the \$661M from the relief bill the House is set to pass.

The Council has a Budget Call for FY 2022. Because of the receivables being so low this year due to the pandemic, ED was certain there would be no room for increases so Council would be looking at a status quo budget. The only difference is combining the three (3) funding programs, Streets Maintenance and Beautification (SMB), Public Safety and Social Education Programs (PSSEP), and Island-wide Beautification Projects (IWVBP) into one that way there would be greater flexibility to use these funds for operations without having to go back re-amending, re-allocating, and re-modifying these programs. His intent is to submit it as one and work with Senator Joe San Agustin and Steve Guerrero at the Office of Budget and Finance to make sure Council has it that way. There is no positive area with Capital Outlay but Council will include it in the budget request but it will be up to the Legislature to figure it out if they're willing to give the Council. On the other side, Council could ask through Robert Lizama, Municipal Affairs representative, those additional funding's that are coming whether they could put aside some funds to be able to give mayors an opportunity to get needed equipment.

Council is going to request an amendment to lessen the restrictions to the Limited Gaming Fund (LGF) to allow mayors' offices to use the Fund for maintenance and operational costs. This will be a part of the budget submission. Council is working with Senator Tony Ada who is willing to make the amendment.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. Community Centers can now open for bingo should mayors want to but must adhere to the six feet distancing, wearing of mask and be limited to twenty-five (25) individuals. Funds could be raised this way as long as the DPHSS guidance memo is followed. *President* expressed that he would speak to the governor about the use of gyms and see if that can be included in the executive order. Senior centers are not open yet. That is the call of the governor and the Physicians Advisory Group.

b. A public hearing is scheduled for March 10 relative to changing the official name of the municipality of Inarajan to its name in the Chamorro language, namely "Inalåhan". There is a move from Kumision i fino CHamoru to change all the villages back to its original name in Chamorro. It is up to mayors and their MPC to make that decision.

c. Mayors were reminded to have their administrative assistants prepare and get their documents together for the reporting requirements of the individual funding sources under the appropriations, non-appropriated funds, and other funding sources and other expenditures or not. Reports have to be submitted within ten (10) days from the end of March.

d. A bid was put out for additional office space for council meetings and to meet the six feet social distancing, an expense that would be over \$100K a year additional. Meeting options were given to Council members as well as incentive programs. The options were Zoom platform, governor's cabinet conference room, or travelling meetings village to village. There were pros and cons to the options. Council cannot impose on the large-spaced centers of Tamuning, Sinajana, Dededo, or Agat to host meetings, there had to be another option. *President* acknowledged that it was fiscally responsible not to spend \$100K a year just to meet once a month, so there had to be a solid plan. Council could continue to meet at the senior centers if the mayors allowed the usage but eventually it has to stop because the centers would open up. For the record, there have been no complaints from the mayors who have hosted the Council and they have been very gracious. Gyms would be another option should a mayor want to accommodate for Council meetings. At this time there were no suggestions made and no determination just yet.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU – Representative, Mayor Paco reported a group chat for Island Roadway Maintenance, created by Mayor Robert Hofmann for the contracted routes. The schedule for March 1-5 is Route 4. March 8 is Route 2 and 2A. March 9 and March 15 is Route 1. March 16 are Routes 34 and 16.

SERVE GUAM COMMISSION – *President* announced the appointment of Vice Mayor Peter John Benavente. Mayor Melissa Savares's term ended.

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) COMMISSION - *President* announced of a representative needed to the POST. He asked Council members to think about it and let him know within the week. This is through Guam Community College.

SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE – SOUTHERN MAYORS

President announced that the southern mayors had to call a meeting and move forward. Mayor Kevin Susuico said from the last meeting, the chairman was former Mayor Jesse Blas. He had organized a meeting one time for him. The task force met with former Senator Tom Morrison and Mayor Blas was supposed to do a write-up and get back with the senator. *President* will have Council Admin. office send all the information on file and asked the southern mayors to coordinate and properly have a meeting and report back.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU) – Mayor Rudy Paco reported Santa Rita turned in 33 dogs and 7 dogs for Mongmong-Toto-Maite. Mayors are bringing up the strays to GAIN without notifying them firsthand. Mayor asked that they call their hotline at 988-1615 and let them know and reminded Council members that they are closed Tuesdays and

Thursdays but are accepting from the mayors if arrangements are made. SARU had a scheduled meeting at 2 pm today with Senator Clynt Ridgell together with Dept. of Agriculture, and GAIN.

Mayor Dale Alvarez said the traps will catch animals assumed to be stray but pet owners will reach out, asking for the return of a dog or cat. Unfortunately, a group of people had been going around releasing them. Some were dog owners.

President conveyed to stop announcing the name of the next village where dog traps would be placed.

With the SARU program, they are running into obstacles. Mayor Paco said some people do not agree with the word "round up".

President said he appreciates that the Legislature will move forward in reviving efforts to fund a longer-term solution of neutering and spaying animals to control their population because of the Council's concerns. In the meantime, however, everyone could work together to help each other, and it would have to continue that way.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – *President* reported a zoom meeting held and they are working on some proposals for the Body to consider if not by or before the next meeting that will affect the MCOG regarding membership and also participation and role in the Liberation as well.

Mayor Robert Hofmann and Senator Tony Ada were working on some issues and that would be something to bring forward for the benefit of the MCOG.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM** – ED attended a February 18 Google Meet with Guam EPA Board. Everything that came out from the Board about the program was positive and they are happy. They approved \$500K and it is just a matter of uploading to the account and then go to Phase II which are *white goods* and *green waste* and continuous with Phase I of the *abandoned vehicles* and *tires*. Council will be getting purchase orders ready for those mayors who have requested for an increase for AV and Tires.

There will be another vendors orientation to press on them the necessity to make sure that they submit their invoices in 10 days after they do their projects and those of them that do not cooperate, purchase orders would not be issued to them and Council would move onto another vendor. *President* conveyed if Districts are having issues with the vendors, to let ED know so Council will not use that vendor again or we correct that problem.

2. **USERS FEE SCHEDULE** – ED requested to *Table* until the April meeting in the interest of time. It is currently being finalized.

X. NEW BUSINESS – No New Business

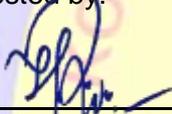
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *President* reminded mayors and vice mayors who RSVP'd for the dinner reception for the emissaries from Spain would begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., Friday, March 5 at the Hyatt. With that reception, an approval was needed for the entertainment and three gifts. **Mayor Alvarez made the motion to approve the expenditure for entertainment and three gifts. Second by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objection. Approved by unanimous consent.**
- *President* recognized and thanked the Tamuning Mayor's Office and the Sinajana Mayor's Office and their staff, Michael Mafnas for always being gracious on hosting Council meetings, providing the sound system, and for always being available for the Mayors' Council.
- Inaugural Food Truck Grab n' Go starting tonight at Tiyan, Barrigada from 4 pm to 9pm. every Wednesday's.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Mangilao Mayor's Office.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:12 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

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

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10:06 am
12:12 pm

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.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	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.	Talofof	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	
Yvonne Acda	Dededo		
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
Michael R. Mafias	Sinajana Mayor's Office	472-6707	
Jabatha Elm	Mangilao Mayor's Office	685-3443	
Joseph Sanchez	GODE	360-1247	
Joshua Blas			
Michelle Camacho			
Kelly Escudero			
Philip Toves			
Frank L.G.			
URIAH P	MCBCB	355-2342	
Alana Chargualaf	AAFB	366-2837	
Erin Summers	AAFB	366-1387	

