



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

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

O = ABSENT

*** = LATE**

**** = OFF ISLAND**

R = REPRESENTATIVE

Sixteen (16) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Angel R. Sablan
JoAnn Charfauros

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes of October 4, 2017 – **Mayor Kevin Susuico made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting November 15, 2017

- a. Genesa Que, Physician Liaison Assistant **(Approved Jul Reg Mo mtg)**
Shriners Hospitals for Children
- b. Peter Alecxis Ada, Director, Dept. of Youth Affairs
Proposed Outreach Program
- c. Dan Guerrero, Regional Community Plans Liaison Officer, JRM **(Dec. request)**
Navy's Underground Fuel Line Installation Project Update

Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the three (3) guest speakers in the same order and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.

2. Communications –

a. **Mayors' Verification Forms** – ED reported that Pamela Leon Guerrero with Division of Public Welfare Dept. of Public Health and Social Services communicated that some of the information the Division is getting was not sufficient enough to determine if individuals are eligible for SNAP or welfare program; it is different information provided from mayors offices. ED told Ms. Leon Guerrero that DPHSS should come up with the forms rather than mayors' coming up with their own forms.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that there are some situations that needed to be clarified; individual applicants try to make a case for themselves and try to deviate from the federal guidelines more importantly the changing of information that doesn't get reported to the mayors especially when it comes to phone numbers. Mayor Gogue stated that every mayors office attempts to collect and report what is believed to be important and felt DPHSS should step up and ask "what are the common problems, tell us what you need and we will try to ensure that that information is provided on the forms that we submit."

President stated that we should invite her to come in and make a presentation to clarify it. Mayors agreed.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY - Friday, November 3, 2017 – Chairman Mayor Rudy Matanane/Co-chair Mayor Allan Ungacta.**

Mayor Robert Hofmann reported that he received all the nominations and thanked all the mayors for submitting them. There are eighty-four (84) award recipients. The venue is at Bubba's Grill from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

b. **MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE - Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Leo Palace- Chairman Mayor Jesse M. Blas.** Chair reported the committee will meet this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Monies are coming in; fundraisers have been successful. He asked to continue to support the party and to send their representatives to the meetings if they are unable to attend. A fundraiser is schedule Friday, November 3 starting at 6 p.m. at Club Gud Tymz at the Hafa Adai Exchange in Tamuning and each mayor's office is to donate one (1) raffle prize and one (1) food dish.

c. **TRAVEL POLICY – Mayor Robert Hofmann, Mayor Melissa Savares, and Mayor Jessy Gogue** –Mayor Gogue reported formulating a *Travel Policy* to define so that the Legislature understands...what their standard policy is and that mayors adhere to that policy. In order to effectuate transparency, a trip report to put on record the travel we took and what was accomplished during that travel, submit to the Legislature and whoever requires the mayors to submit and post it online so that the public could review these documents. Mayor Gogue conveyed that the Legislature's Travel Policy does not require a trip report.

The committee would draft a Travel Policy that entails the processing of requests, traveler completes his travel then submits a Trip Report if government funds are utilized. The draft policy would be done hopefully by the end of the year for the Council to approve.

President reminded the Body that the new budget law required a report be submitted to the Legislature every quarter and asked to keep this in mind.

d. **AMIM 24TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – Mayor Melissa Savares gave the floor to ED who reported that the *Assembly*, originally scheduled for November 16-17 has been changed to November 29-30 in Guam instead of Tinian. Venue is currently being worked on. A survey of the *Standing Committees* would be sent out to *association* members to select their top two (2) choices they would want to be in so that they could start putting the committees together and what their subject matters would be.

ED conveyed that one of the recommendations by Mayor Jessy Gogue was if colleagues already thought of a subject matter or resolutions, to do this in advance and not just there during the *Assembly*. ED advised to talk to subject experts in the community that are knowledgeable of whatever it was they would want to do and try to get feedback from them as to how to put these resolutions together, work on it in submitting it with the body of the resolution instead of having something put together right there during the *Assembly*.

Mayor Jessy Gogue stated that he would like to provide some input on things the Body should emphasize in resolutions when it comes to topics, do research on and have data before the *assembly* begins. He further stated, "We're trying to make this a very receptive, informative, and dynamic *General Assembly* members are prepared for."

Mayor said the association is looking at inviting the rear admiral and chief judge. The reason why the venue would be in Guam is that Tinian mayor had conflicting schedules with the Judicial Council for the region and is taking place in Guam.

Mayor Paul McDonald expressed that the Northern Marianas are very strong advocates in continuing this *Association* because of its efforts.

e. **SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETINGS** – *President* brought this to the floor and expressed that there is a lack of interest in the mayors and vice mayors showing up to these meetings.

Mayor Jessie Gogue expressed that it is a host of things in their villages that would prevent mayors and vice mayors from attending. A quorum is not required at these meetings, it is an opportunity for agencies to give a presentation regarding a topic that they believe is important to the Council. Mayor Gogue recommended resending representatives and bring back the information unless there was a callout to the 19 Districts informing them that the agenda has changed because of official binding business.

Mayor Robert Hofmann recommended a hybrid for special or general meetings; 19 is required for a meeting to start but when it comes to voting all 26 votes would count because everyone is elected on their own; for resolutions, important matters that affect the Council we would require all 26.

ED stated that a mayor has to submit in writing their proposal to make an amendment on Council's constitution and by-laws.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **HYDRATE INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AND CLINIC 2017 SPONSORSHIP** – Mayor Melissa Savares said Nathaniel Pineda who runs *Hydrate* is looking for sponsors and partners that would feature Team Banko-Perlas Pilipinas Spikers, a professional volleyball team from the Philippines, who would compete with the Guam Women's National and UOG Triton Women's volleyball teams at the end of November. Sponsorship packages were attached with each mayor and vice mayor packets at today's meeting. *President* asked the Body if they would want to leave it up to the individual mayors and if they would like to use their *gaming funds*. The Body agreed to leave it up to themselves.

2. **SENIOR SOFTBALL WORLD MASTERS** – *President* said Guam became champions winning the gold medal in the men's 40-over division in Las Vegas last month. This team had been invited to Florida for the Tournament of Champions game. These players are from Guam. The team is seeking support and sponsorship from the mayors. *President* said Mayor Dale Alvarez would get more information and the team roster. Mayor Robert Hofmann asked if Mayor Alvarez could also provide the village from where each player were from.

3. **CHARTER SCHOOL** – *President* gave the floor to Mayor Rudy Matanane who said he supports any part of education and is in support of charter schools but does not support their funding because of the lack of funds the GDOE has with operations. As representative to the Guam Education Policy Board, mayor attended a meeting recently and said the Board is still trying to iron out the kinks with their funding.

Mayor said Senator San Agustin introduced Bills 190 and 191 and hoped every mayor received a copy of the bill. Mayor Robert Hofmann said Bill 190 is the composition of voting member changes and Bill 191 is regarding charter schools applications. Mayor Matanane said Bill 190 would include a student, a minor, on the Board and be a voting member.

Vice Mayor Christopher Fejeran announced that he never volunteered to be an alternate to represent the Board, that he was nominated and the next thing he knew he became the alternate. Vice Mayor said he declined the nomination.

ED reminded the Body that when Guåhan Academy made their presentation during last month's October Special Meeting, they had asked Council's support of their continued existence. The Academy is up for renewal in December. There are 190 children from Dededo, 122 from Barrigada, 109 from Mangilao, 100 from Yigo, 79 from Tamuning that attend Guåhan Academy Charter School. In all are 968 children throughout the island that go to this school. If they Academy does not get renewed these children would have to find another school to go to. There are two (2) other charter schools that are applying and only one (1) could be selected.

Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to support Guåhan Academy Charter School's continued existence and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez.

In discussion, Mayor Matanane said he would support the charter school in trying to get their own funding. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

4. **UPDATES WITH OCD/GHS AND NWS**– Mayor Robert Hofmann requested the Executive Officers get in touch with the agencies to provide a brief with the mayors regarding the North Korea threats, weather predictions, and the latest China news. *President* asked ED to follow through with this and to inform the mayors when the brief would be scheduled.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – No report.
2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Melissa Savares announced the Kamalen Karidat's Annual Benefit Dinner *Feed the Hungry* Friday, November 10 at the Sheraton. Tickets are \$125. Tables are \$1,125. She asked for support for the event or to help feed, donate water or provide a cooked meal for Kamalen Karidat.
- Mayor Rudy Matanane invited all to the Citrus Festival on November 18-19 and Trash-a-thon on November 11.
- Agat Vice Mayor announced the on-going night markets every Friday with live entertainment and carnival rides from 4-8pm at Sagan Bisita.
- Agat Mayor Kevin Susuico announced a lunch plate fundraiser for Monday, November 6 for their Christmas appreciation party. Mayor asked his colleagues to help support.
- Mayor Louise Rivera announced the *Queen of the Pacific* pageant tonight at the Sheraton Hotel at 6 p.m. Anyone interested to let her know and they would have special seating.
- Today's luncheon hosted by **Merizo Mayor's Office**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dale Alvarez moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:50 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



Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTO 10:35a
A 11:50a.

Type of Meeting: Regular

Special

Officers

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

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