



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa Savares called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
* ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
* DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
* HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LUJAN, Doris F.	Mayor	Inarajan
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor	Yigo
* PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
* RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Ha
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
* TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofofo
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
<input type="radio"/> BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
<input type="radio"/> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<input type="radio"/> CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
<input type="radio"/> FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
<input type="radio"/> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<input type="radio"/> McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
<input type="radio"/> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<input type="radio"/> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
<input type="radio"/> SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat

O = ABSENT

*** = LATE**

**** = OFF ISLAND**

R = REPRESENTATIVE

Eight (8) members present at time of roll call. No quorum was established. *President*, Mayor Melissa Savares announced that the meeting would proceed but no votes on anything until a quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

II. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes of October 2, 2019 – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - **Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve the *Report* for September and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2019)

- a. Dr. Robert Underwood, Kumision I Fino'CHamoru
- b. Dr. Susan Kaneshiro, MD, DPHSS – Immunization Outreach
- c. Larry Limtiaco – Learn to Ride
- d. JeCarlo Palomo, AmeriCorps/GHS Program Director
Disaster Preparedness presentation/FEMA Online Training

Mayor June Blas made the motion to approve all the requests in the same order and seconded by Mayor Robert Hofmann. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.

2. Communications

a. **Mayors/Vice Mayors Quarterly Breakfast Meeting with Governor/Lt. Governor** – *President* announced their quarterly meeting at 8 am, Tuesday, November 19 at Government House. She reminded the Body to send in their top three (3) issues/concerns in their villages to address the governor.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. UPDATE - MCOG 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, 12/15/19 AT SHERATON LAGUNA HOTEL - Chairman Mayor Rudy Paco thanked Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista, Mayor June Blas, Vice Mayor Tommy Duenas, Mayor Kevin Susuico, Vice Mayor Chris Fejeran, and Mayor Melissa Savares and staff who participated and supported over the weekend Council's softball tournament. The committee continues to fundraise to make this Christmas event more successful and chair asked all mayors support to come and showcase when the committee do have fundraisings. The committee went to Sheraton yesterday to lock in the menu. *President* thanked and acknowledged Mayor Jessy Gogue and Mayor Dale Alvarez for sponsoring teams and thanked Agana Heights Mayor's staff George Bamba, Angie Gumataotao, Ray Leon Guerrero with Barrigada Mayor's Office, Dora Perez with Santa Rita Mayor's Office and Renee Guerrero with Yona Mayor's Office. A committee meeting and raffle drawing is at 1pm today in Council conference room.

2. STRAY ANIMAL ROUND UP (SARU) – Chair, Mayor Rudy Matanane expressed that he received a message that agriculture director does not want Dr. Poole, who had been working with the SARU committee for four years now, to come to the meetings anymore. Mayor said he wanted to try to get a hold of the governor to see what is happening. *President* asked if mayor had been working with Director Muna-Brecht and the Animal Control team. Mayor expressed that he had an appointment to see her; she said she wanted to meet with

me at the governor's office two three weeks ago and she never made the meeting nor called him back. Mayor said he's getting a lot of friction from her. Mayor went on to say that Dr. Poole suggested he would come to the meeting with a guy that was supposed to be leading the Animal Control but at this point the director refused for them to come to the meeting. *President* said this is a partnership. Mayor acknowledged and said he was willing to work with them. *President* stated this would be discussed at the quarterly breakfast meeting.

3. **K-57 PROGRAM** – *President* expressed that in the past mayors had a village talk show slot for one-hour once a week from 12 noon to 1 pm. Sorensen Media is asking mayors again. There is no start date yet but they are looking at Thursdays at the same time. This is something good to promote for the upcoming holidays, events or festival activities in the villages or bring in partners in the community or MPC members. Mayor is looking at starting mid-November or in December. Any volunteers to sign up with ED. ED made clarification that the village talk show would begin first week in January 2020.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **GUAM EDUCATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE** – *President* received a letter from the chair of the board, Mr. Mark Mendiola, seeking official notification of a new two-year appointment from the Mayors' Council as mandated in P.L. 32-159. ED stated this is a start of the new fiscal year and time for a rotation. Mayor Melissa Savares expressed interest. The Body had no objections.

2. **COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION REPRESENTATIVE** – *President* stated appointing a new representative. There are a lot more activities going on right now. ED expressed that the commission have been meeting and are active. The current appointee is Mayor Jesse Blas and their concern is that he would not be able to participate in the things that are going on and so in the meantime appoint someone that can attend meetings and participate in their deliberations. That is the reason for their request. *President* talked to Mayor Robert Hofmann, who was Council representative before Mayor Blas, and acknowledged being interested because of the discussions that are going on. The Body had no objections.

3. **BILL NO. 226-35** – ED stated that this bill re-repeals the authority to have the games of chance at the carnival and in addition makes it illegal the operation of game rooms. The only limited gaming activities authorized would be bingo and cockfighting. ED's concern that he expressed to the media today is if Council is going to do away with gaming at the carnivals, then offer an alternative as to how to raise funds to cover for expenses; if there is a viable source to come up with \$400,000 of running Liberation festivities, he doesn't feel anybody would have an objection to that. ED expressed that Council can't keep asking corporate sponsors, which they do give every year, but it's not nearly as enough as getting the concession fees for these games of chance. ED expressed that all the Council wants, from the senator and those that support the bill, is to give an alternative to the funding source to operate. Discussed with the auditors last week that probably a part of their recommendation is that if this funding source is taken away, Council's executive officers suggested to take Liberation and the Guam Island Fair and its sponsorship and give it back to the administration and let the governor decide where she wants to give it to or give it to the Guam Visitors Bureau because they are able to deal with the Micronesian Island Fair.

President expressed what is collected by parade participants is no more than \$7000 and is not nearly even a third of what it costs to put a parade together; logistic costs, grandstand, prizes, portable toilets, power hookup. This is an event one time a year and Council does not ask for government funds.

Mayor Jessy Gogue stated to let the legislature assume the role of being the coordinators for the Guam Island Fair/Liberation if they believe that there are other solutions, don't give it to GVB, let them host the event. The logistics is tremendous; mayors are not in the grandstand sitting down watching the parade. Mayor expressed that it is to the point where it is frustrating; let them carry the banner so they can have a sense of really what it takes. Let the Council pass the torch, let the legislature host it and mayors can go to the grandstand and enjoy the parade. There are three branches of government, let's spread the wealth, rotate and have each branch host every year. Council is not trying to make a profit; just cover costs. Connecting utilities, that's not chump change for anybody. When people start complaining they will have a sense of understanding just exactly what the executive branch of government has to go through in order to host these island events.

At this time, *President* recognized Council's oversight chair, Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje.

4. **SWAMP ROAD CLEAN UP (PRIVATE PROPERTY)** – ED expressed that after the dengue outbreak and the cleanup, other villages and residents started to question clean up with their properties. The negative effect caused people to question, "if they can do it for them, they can do it for us".

Mayor Melissa Savares stated that Swamp Road is Chamorro Land Trust property; residents had junk cars and tires that needed removal to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites and reduce the spread of dengue. Guam EPA went back to check the areas that they cleaned up to make sure they were not collecting things again on their property; they are now issuing citations. People's mentality is that it is the government's responsibility to clean their property. Working with GEPA, mayors were able to have open purchase orders with permitted vendors for FY2019.

A quorum was established at 11:09 a.m. *President* reverted from the Secretary's Report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU ON ISLAND ROAD MAINTENANCE – Mayor Robert Hofmann communicated that GVB was not given their requested budget, they had to remove Route 27 Harmon Loop, Route 8 Barrigada, Route 14 GPO but it may be added back if there is additional funding next fiscal year. The focus will be Route 1 from Navy gate to the traffic light at Farmer's Co-op; there is not enough funding to go from gate to gate, Route 2/2A Agat to Cetti Bay, Route 4 Chief Quipuha to Malojloj, and Route 34 Two Lovers. The contractor is Guam Cleaning Masters under Dominic San Gil.

ED stated that Mr. San Gil came to the Council who said mayors have to sign off on their permits for easement. Before Dept. of Public Works gives them the permit to go cut grass, the mayors have to sign off on the easement.

Mayor Allan Ungacta stated that mayors are required to get an encroachment permit even as simple as placing speed limit or stop signs, and speed bumps.

Mayor Rudy Paco expressed that he had advised GTA to put some kind of reflector on their pedestals because they blend in with the grass. Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista expressed inviting GTA because there are many pedestals in the jungle that are being hit when mayors go in to cut grass. Mayor Allan Ungacta expressed that mayors also sign on their own encroachment permits but they never brought it to mayors attention that mayors are required to get clearance.

GROUND MAINTENANCE SCHOOLS (GMS) – ED expressed that there are mayors still supporting it using the funding source that Council still has and reminded that these funds cannot be used for anything else. Stacey Coletta is still trying to put it together and it would probably be late in December to do this. ED expressed for those mayors supporting it, to keep their invoices so that it could be submitted for payment to *Treasurer*, Mayor Jesse Alig.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY – Mayor Frankie Salas reported mayors providing canopies can set-up at 1p.m. on Sunday and bring tables and chairs early Monday morning. His concern is that there will be no security and wanted everything brought early Monday instead. Mayor said he would address this at the meeting tomorrow. The ceremony is at 11 a.m., Monday at Governor Joseph Memorial Park (Ypao Beach) at the main pavilion. Dignitary parking will be at the Hilton side.

Robert Lizama, Special Assistant to the Governor for Municipal Affairs clarified that the security would be provided overnight and asked that mayors setup their tables, chairs, and canopies at 1p.m. on Sunday.

2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Procurement Training OPA recommendation – ED announced that mayors, vice mayors to include himself and anybody in mayors offices who deals with procurement should undergo this training at Guam Community College. That is the OPA's opinion. Most of mayors administrative assistants have completed the training, pending Tamuning, Mangilao, and Umatac. The course is for nine days, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3pm to 5 pm. The next available date for the Module I course is November 22 - December 13, 2019. If you do register, you need to commit to finishing. Mayor Louise Rivera expressed taking the course.
- Valley of the Latte Foundation is offering free admission to veterans and military personnel starting Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The tours are at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Mayor Doris Lujan asked that this information be passed on to the community. They need to call in their reservation at 789-3342.
- ED expressed that we are trying to figure out a way to pay Mangkhut and hopefully get it out for our personnel in time for Christmas. FEMA has not reimbursed Homeland Security because we haven't paid. We can't pay because we don't have it in our budget.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Talofof Mayor's Office**.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor June Blas motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Council Executive Secretary
16th Mayors' Council of Guam

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