



Regular Monthly Meeting
Zoom Platform
10 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Zoom Meeting ID: 825 5342 8236
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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:

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

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

Twenty (20) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve and seconded by Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado.** In discussion, *President* requested to add under New Business District Office COVID testing discussion. **No further discussion or objection. The motion carried.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve subject to correction and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussion or objection. The motion carried.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Bill Quenga made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussion or objection. The motion carried.**
- VII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – Guam EPA Board meeting was held October 21 through Google platform. The board approved \$850K from the \$1.5M appropriated by the legislature from the RRF. Once uploaded, Phase I of the expenditure plan will begin with the collection of abandoned vehicles. On the initial release, the white goods may be added if there’s enough funds.

President asked ED to make a request to all the mayors, a specific list on their needs for the recycling revolving fund, because mayors were given a lot of purchase orders for tires and all the other things that were not necessary and even green waste so that it's clear and that no one is given too much of one and less of another. ED agreed.

AG REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION; UPDATE – Assistant AG Karl Espaldon called ED last week to say that as peace officers, by statute mayors are authorized to cite owners of vehicles that are on public easement. The statute says that vehicles that are to be removed that are not given up by the owners voluntarily, has to be taken to the GPD impound lot, or it has to be taken to a tow truck lot, which as we all know, GPD doesn't have one and the tow truck lots won't take these vehicles because who's going to pay for it.

Atty. Espaldon mentioned that mayors can't just pick up the car and take it to Global, SD or to Pyramid because they would be liable for suit for not following the statute. ED had mentioned that the director of public works, Vince Arriola wanted to do citing and removal of these vehicles but Atty. Espaldon said that public works has to be very careful when they do this because they're under the same statute as the mayors are, where these vehicles have to be taken to a GPD impounded or the tow truck lot.

Mayor Paul McDonald queried on a temporary impound lot because it's gotten critical where streets are narrow as it is and emergency vehicles cannot get by when there's an emergency that occurs in the villages. *President* suggested that Mayor McDonald, ED and Mayor Hofmann focus their efforts the next couple of months on the legislative finance committee to work on that. *President* said the committee could work with the different entities; Chamorro Land Trust, DPW, and GPD.

ETHICS TRAINING P.L. 36-25 – Ethics Training Compliance Report was submitted to the Commission last Friday of every employee including SCO and ADC. Mayors, Vice Mayors,

Executive Director, Elaine Schaaf, and Michael Mafnas had taken the course with the exception of vice mayor of Sinajana. ED asked that mayors include this in their plan; they don't have to have them all take the course at one time; spread it out for the next two three fiscal years comply by the end of the third year.

All government of Guam employees, full-time or part-time that is under a GG-1 must undergo an ethics course. New Employees hired after May 12, 2021 have six (6) months to be in compliant. Mayors' need to schedule them to undergo the training. It is a four (4) course administered by the commission. The cost is \$80 for an individual. All existing employees are required to attend an ethics training within thirty-six (36) months and in addition, all employees must take a refresher course every four (4) years. The commission will start doing a weekly training with forty (40) people per class.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – The \$9.5M the governor and lieutenant governor have dedicated to the MCOG is still on schedule. The original amount is \$17M for a period of six (6) years. This grant was applied for by Dept. of Administration under the Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU). The governor will in some form be able to distribute those funds out to the communities to make them use it in some way. Council had submitted to the governor a list where these funds will be used. The top of this list are vehicles, equipment, and heavy equipment. The rest are for repairs and for whatever is needed in the communities. When Council receives the ARPA funds, one of the requirements is very stringent reporting of how funds are spent. DOA had notified ED that district Administrative Assistants will be trained of the reporting requirements.

QUARTERLY REPORTING – Quarterly reports for the different funds within Council's budget are no longer required. Continue the reporting for posting on the website so people can see where all district funds are going. Administrative Assistants continue to do what they are doing, they should be fully knowledgeable and trained how to submit these reports.

MCOG FY2022 BUDGET ALLOTMENT – Mayor Ernest Chargualaf ran down losses and gains twelve (12) district mayors offices stood to lose with his projection. Mayor said he is preparing a letter that Council go back and seek an amendment to SMB, PSSEP, and IWBP levels of what would have been Chapter VIII of Bill No. 55-36 that was substituted and lapse into law.

President responded that the Council at last month's meeting entertained this and there was a vote to not further entertain this topic. An opportunity was offered for the Council to make a majority voter decide on how this was going to pursue his viewpoint and it did. It failed. *President* asked mayor if he prepared a letter to submit to the legislature. Mayor responded that he does not represent the Council and to go back in the form of an oversight request.

Mayor informed Council members that he is officially formally inquiring to see the letter transmitted to the committee requesting the substitution of the three funding to be consolidated and further stated that, "If you guys are not going to agree, I'm going there and proceed on my own to ask for an oversight hearing, ok."

INSURANCE FOR FACILITES –

Now that mayors' have been repairing their facilities, Mayor McDonald queried on the requirement of insurance in case of a disaster.

ED responded that the budget bill has now allowed the requirement for insurance to pay it out of the MCOG budget. Although it is not in our chapter in the miscellaneous portion

of the current budget bill, there is a provision there that allows agencies and entities to go ahead and pay premiums for insurance purposes for their buildings.

The one that Mayor McDonald mentioned, FEMA requirements are for those buildings that were damaged by the previous typhoon, if they repair it and it's damaged again, then they won't come back and reimburse it anymore if there's no insurance for it. It's only a FEMA requirement in case the buildings were damaged again.

Mayor Jessie Gogue queried of facilities that were repaired utilizing FEMA funds and wanted these buildings insured.

DR. ROBERT UNDERWOOD – *President* asked Council members to allow him to speak. There were no objections. Dr. Underwood said there is a list of place names placed in mayors' mailbox at the Council as well as QR codes and maps. In addition to working the village names, they are trying to identify the place names with the mayors and with the consultation of experts and informants in the villages.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY (CAHA) – Board representative Mayor Gogue reported a space leased at the DNA building for the agency's gallery. A flyer was released last week of the display. Mayor asked that the flyer be shared to the communities. It is open to the public.

STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU) – Mayor Rudy Paco reported seventy-five (75) dogs turned in for September to GAIN. In October, fifty-nine (59) dogs were turned in from the community of Mongmong-Toto-Maite. Mayor said he is having problems with feral pigs as well. As a member of the USDA Wildlife Services Feral Swine Task Force, *President* said they haven't called a meeting but will look into it and get together with Mayor Paco.

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER) – Mayor Savares thanked mayors who attended the masterplan presentation last week. Mayor reported speaking with board chair Ms. Gutierrez who's in charge of facilities and maintenance of the school campuses. Mayor asked them to revisit this fiscal year because it's not including the exterior fence line of the school campuses as when mayors were doing it.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

BILL NO. 188-36 To transfer CLTC property to Dept. of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing a slaughterhouse; and, providing Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) In financial assistance. *President* asked for a motion for a letter of support for Bill No. 188-36. **Mayor Savares made the motion in support of the bill and seconded by Mayor Paco.** In discussion, *President* wanted to support the bill because of the feral pigs; save the environment and revive the economy with a slaughterhouse. Mayor Savares said the livestock farmers have formed a co-op and they can tie in with the slaughterhouse. Mayor Gogue believes the lot is a northern property because of a greater amount of sewer lines and they would be dealing in biological waste. **No further discussion or objection. The motion carried.**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. SERVE GUAM COMMISSION MOU – *President* would like to get Council's approval or talk about any objections. Most villages have volunteers and this MOU does the same thing and covers all the 19 villages. It allows them to go out, to be active in mayors' offices. Mayor McDonald supports the MOU but will not avail their services. There were no objections by Council members and by affixing the president's signature, mayors can work with Doris Aguon if they've not already worked with her in case there's something that they need and if they do not wish to work with AmeriCorps, they don't have to.

2. FOSTER CARE PROJECT – The committee shared three (3) proposed logos for *The Gift of Family* campaign to select. The colors selected is because Council is working in partnership with Harvest House and the Archdiocese of Agana because they already have programs for foster parent recruitment, and Council wanted to support their efforts and help recruit more. The logos will be used interchangeably on the types of ads to run; social media ads, print ads, radio and TV. There were no objections to the logos.

There will be two different kinds of projects coming this December. The first will be something Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado is working on. The second will be nineteen (19) villages Christmas display contest which will be judged and there will be one village that wins. Prize money will be used for foster families in that village or for any foster care initiative within that village. There was a suggestion to theme the 19 villages contest around the *Belen* because of the family.

Now the proposal is to have a *Belen* contest of 19 villages and it will be judged. Judging will be Sunday, December 12. Volunteer sailors and their commands from the Air Force and Navy partners will be judging the contest. The one winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize that will be used at the mayor's discretion for foster families in the village or for a foster care initiative. *President* asked if there were any objections to the Christmas contest. There were no objections. The committee will hold a separate meeting for the Christmas display contest and the mayors and their staff will be able to attend that meeting.

The committee presented to the Council an initiative to work with the Archdiocese of Agana. *President* gave the floor to Vice Mayor Delgado who gave a synopsis that mayors and vice mayors attend at their respective usual mass time would be on the third week of advent, which is the week of the 11th and 12th of December, in line with the judging time. The proposal is to ask the priest to lead the people in prayer, light a tea light candle so that they see a collaboration between the representatives of the Mayors' Council and the Archdiocese of Agana. Lighting of tea light candles to create an awareness that there's a need for foster families to coin it along the lines of lighting the way home.

The committee will provide and equip the churches with what is needed including the tea light candles to execute it. This proposal has not yet been presented to the church so that Council members were aware and is in support of this. Once the Council is in support, the committee will go directly to the church and work with them to finalize these plans. *President* asked if there were any objections to this campaign. There were no objections.

Mayor Savares expressed that the village of Dededo have twelve (12) denominations of faith and if it could be adjusted to include these denominations. *President* expressed that

he will make sure it is approved by the Archdiocese for use and Vice Mayor Delgado will help make adjustments to be appropriate for any other denomination.

Mayor McDonald suggested to include a second and a third prize. **Mayor McDonald made a motion to include having a second and third prize, in this case, the first prize of \$2,000, the 2nd prize of \$1,500, and the 3rd prize of \$1,000 to be taken out from the *Dues* account. Seconded by Mayor Savares. In discussion, Mayor Kevin Susuico made an amendment that because they are already asking for sponsorship, and if the committee doesn't make it, then the difference would be taken from the *Dues* account. Second by Mayor Jessie Gogue. No further discussions.**

Recorded vote by Roll Call.

VOTING RECORD

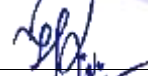
17th Mayors' Council of Guam
 Regular Monthly Meeting
DATE: November 3, 2021

PURPOSE: To Use Dues for Prize Money

NAME	Aye	Nay
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 Jessie 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 20 0
 Aye Nay

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
 Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning

ED received a text from Mayor John Cruz. He has no audio and video but he has voted "Aye".

The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. DISTRICT OFFICE COVID TESTING – In discussions with the governor last week *President* expressed that there were government agencies that were trained to do COVID testing in their agencies. And so the question was posed to the Council if districts wanted to have their own staff trained for testing, *President* wanted to find out from the Body whether or not they were interested in having any of your staff trained to administer COVID testing.

Mayor Kevin Susuico stated that it's a huge liability and would rather have certified professionals be the ones to administer.

Mayor Gogue echoed the same feeling and added that mayors are falling behind in their work because of all the added requirements that is being tacked on for mayors' offices especially because of this pandemic from delivering foods to seniors, food commodities distribution, taking care of issues in the villages that would normally be handled by another agency. He doesn't see mayors taking on more than what they've already taken on since the start of this pandemic.

Mayor Savares echoed what her colleagues stated and said just recently mayors took the responsibility of having the booster shots in their communities. They can utilize the facilities but not for staff to administer.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf echoed the same thought as his colleagues.

President will send out a notice, as an invitation, for those villages who are interested in having someone trained in their office. If interested, arrangements will be made to have staff trained to administer a testing at any time, whether it's testing for staff or testing for a resident. Those that do not wish to be a part of that; it is purely voluntary.

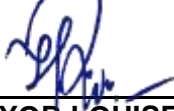
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *President* announced that Leo Espia with GHS/OCD is still wanting to know if there's any village that has space for temporary storage of up to 60 days for at least two 40 foot containers and one 20 foot container. If so, communicate with Jay Solang or ED.
- Mayor Louise Rivera said the Guam Hawgs annual candy run is scheduled for Sunday morning, December 12. They'll be going into all the different villages and wanted all the mayors to be aware and to let their residents know. She will keep the mayors posted as to all the different places they will visit.
- *President* said if there are still hotspots that have not been addressed in their village to let him know or contact whomever they have contacted in the past at DPHSS so that they can help because they are still addressing those needs.
- For the Veterans Day ceremony in Adelup at 11 am, Thursday, November 11, Mayor Frankie Salas sought assistance for a 20x30 canopy and 25 chairs and for logistics. Mayor June Blas offered. The event will have a handful of invited visitors but the ceremony will be virtual.
- *President* announced the December meeting will be Tuesday, 10 a.m, December 7 via Zoom platform.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

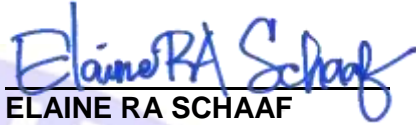
President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration





Mayors' Council of Guam

Komsehelon Alahot Guahan

VOTING RECORD

17th Mayors' Council of Guam
Regular Monthly Meeting
DATE: 11/03/2021

PURPOSE: TO USE OUR DUES FOR PRIZE MONEY

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	✓					
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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

20

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Aye

Nay

**Not
Voting/
Abstained**

**Out
During
Roll Call**

Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning



