



Regular Monthly Meeting  
 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020  
 Dededo Senior Center  
 Dededo, Guam

**MINUTES**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President Mayor Melissa Savares* called the meeting to order at 10:16 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
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
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-Ha
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<b>O</b> BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
<b>O</b> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<b>O</b> CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagatña
<b>O</b> GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
<b>O</b> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<b>O</b> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<b>O</b> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
<b>O</b> TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofolo

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

**\*Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.**

Angel R. Sablan  
 Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
 Recording Secretary

## RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

- III. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of March 2020 – **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

*President* introduced and welcomed Yona Mayor-elect of Yona, Bill Quenga. He came as an observer until the Guam Election Commission certifies the results of the mayoral election.

- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the February, March, and April Reports and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

- V. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020)**

- a. Cathy Rivera Castro, Guam Tobacco Control Coalition
- b. Grace Bordallo, DPHSS – Guam Diabetes Control Coalition
- c. Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero, UOG Press

ED suggested, for the safety of everybody, either Council finds a way to do presentations through zoom or wait until PCOR 4.

Mayor Rudy Paco requested an audience with Carlotta Leon Guerrero to educate Council members concerning the Compact Impact.

Mayor Jesse Alig expressed that the topic Mayor Paco brought up, the majority of Districts are affected and if there could be a motion to pursue the Special meeting to discuss the Compact Impact alone.

Mayor Rivera said migrants are disproportionately linked to the problems of poverty, homelessness, and crime.

**Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion for a Special meeting to address the concerns with the Compact Impact agreement and seconded by Mayor June Blas.**

In discussion, Mayor Alig expressed to invite those that would affect the change.

*President* stated that they're renegotiating and Guam is not at the table for discussions and Guam is the gateways for migrants. Mayor expressed they would also invite the governor's representative and other key players.

**No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

***Vice President*, Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to suspend the three (3) audience requests and seconded by Mayor Alvarez.**

In discussion, *President* stated that these requesters could contact the individual district mayors at the village level. Mayors agreed to have them communicate with them directly.

**No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

## 2. Communications

a. **LETTER TO SENATORS ON PAY VARIANCE** – ED stated that there were different bills introduced by the legislature on double pay, premium pay, and hazardous pay almost everyone of them didn't identify unclassified employees. He wrote the letter to the senators because the speaker needed something in writing stating what the Mayors' Council was doing while under the public health emergency. There was a public hearing Friday, May 29 through zoom and the MCoG wasn't invited but had submitted the letter earlier.

b. **EDDY J. REYES** – ED gave the floor to *Vice President*, Mayor Hofmann who explained that Flame Tree had applied for a grant that would assist all the mayors' offices; The organization gave a presentation back in August 2019 on standardizing road mapping. Both Mayor Hofmann and Savares looked at ways to effectively use technology to help residents, include verification system and merge the data. They anticipate the grant would get all computers and software upgraded, and to have the capability of Compact Impact, low income, veteran, homeless tracking, and much more. A letter of support from the MCoG will be provided for this grant application.

c. **JOINT WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE SPONSORSHIP**

*President* expressed that this request from Ms. AnnMarie Mateo is to sponsor an upcoming symposium. She informed Ms. Mateo to communicate directly with each of the mayors' offices. Mayor Jesse Alig recommended JWLC contact the individual offices.

## VI. SPECIAL REPORT – COVID-19 ISSUES AND RESPONSE

ED communicated that the media was here and wanted to hear from mayors what their experiences were or what they continued to do in their communities to assist residents. The media was allowed two (2) questions each. The floor was open.

Mayor Paul McDonald expressed that the Mayors' Council is the only agency that have one way or another touched every agency that have anything to do with this pandemic. From assisting DPHSS in identifying where residents lived who were on isolation because a lot of the streets are not identified. Assisted GDOE distribute and/or deliver the Grab-N-Go School Meals Program for those who don't have a ride. Mayors and their staff have worked beyond eight (8) hours every day. Many constituents of Agana Heights are retirees, senior citizens who are restricted going out and have high health risks; they are scared to go out to buy their necessities.

*President* communicated that mayors and their staff have never stopped working throughout the pandemic. Grass still gets cut, trash is picked up or picking up a dead dog. She echoed the same view like Mayor McDonald. Many manâmkok live alone who depend on meals because that is their only meal for the day or transportation to get their medications refilled. There were long line of cars waiting on the side of the road for Grab-N-Go School Meals and food commodities distribution. If they didn't have school meals distribution in a village, a mayor would go get at the nearest site for the children in their village because parents didn't have transportation. Mayor stated, "Whatever is going on down at the legislature, none of us have ever asked are we getting 10%, 15%, or 25%; that never came into our minds about how much percent are we getting to take care of our people. Mayors never questioned anything. We continue to come. We continue to serve and continue to take care of our people. Every public assistance program that everybody can apply for, a mayor's verification is required whether it be cash assistance, the Pandemic Unemployment Program, for driver's license and ID renewal and most recently for the quarantine facility."

Mayor Hofmann queried on opening of parks, playgrounds, basketball courts, and baseball fields. Mayors responded that they are not turning on their lights at night and are taking safety precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Mayor Allan Ungacta suggested to amend/revise the facilities usage forms mayors' offices use to stipulate conditions, mandates and waiver. Both Mayors Alig and McDonald felt to wait until the emergency declaration is lifted.

**KUAM ON HOMELESSNESS** – *President* said Dededo has a shelter but if they are not there, they continue to roam the streets. The governor and her team are working with GHURA, Guam Housing, Salvation Army, and WestCare to find ways to place these individuals. Mayor Rivera expressed that they are coming out of private properties, abandoned buildings, but now are sleeping in front of businesses and restaurants, places that are 24 hours or have security guards. There was a press release where so much money was given for a homeless shelter, which was much needed way before the pandemic happened.

**DAILY POST ON COVID COSTS AND TESTING FOR MAYORS** – ED commented that the MCoG was part of the CARES Act funding to pay for a variety of expenses from sneeze guards, fuel costs related to food distribution, to PPE's. The MCoG asked for close to \$1 million. A lot of businesses have been donating supplies, materials, food, and clothing. *Vice President* commented that it would be up to the individual mayors to get tested if they felt they were exposed somewhat.

**PDN ON PANDEMIC ISSUES**- *Vice President* expressed that there were some areas where there were immediate responses in others there were not getting assistance fast enough. In the U.S. mainland, they had their mechanism in place but locally somethings are not yet in place. These federal agencies are slowly making contact with Guam counterparts. A great concern is the food commodity lines are very long; people are hurting. With Guam having a certain amount of available cash and a big bulk of people in the tourism industry, they may look at mayors to find ways to refer people who are in most need to start doing some COVID relief type work such as assisting with applications, cleaning, sanitizing as we go to PCOR3 to PCOR4. Mayors have seen the homeless numbers grow, people that have been kicked out not because of evictions by landlords but by family members who shared living spaces with.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

1. **STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU)** – *Vice President* reported MCoG provided a letter of support on April 30 for Department of Agriculture who applied for a grant assistance. Part of the plan included expanding shelters, retooling DoAG, and assisting mayors. The SARU plan, the legislative response and GAIN, all three had input in the proposed project. Transcribing secretary to provide a copy of the letter via email to the nineteen districts.

2. **RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM** – ED reported that just before COVID arrived the draft MOA was in process for his review and signature. Purchase orders will only be for vehicles, tires, white goods, and green waste. No loose metals, however, should mayors want, they can notify ED what categories to prioritize. This MOA is for \$470,000 to spend until the end of this fiscal year. For FY2021 they approved a resolution to give the MCoG \$900,000. Mayor Alig was concerned with the delayed release expressing that by the time mayors get their purchase orders, mayors would be fighting for the same vendors. Guam EPA Public Information Officer

Nic Rupley commented, "To trust the process, we want the money in your hands, but we want it done the right way." ED expressed working closely with Mr. Rupley and special assistant to the governor, Robert Lizama. He also conveyed to Council members there are now rules and regulations in place and it specifically tells you what that money is used for.

3. **2020 LIBERATION UPDATE** – *President* stated that all events are cancelled but the *Memorials* would probably be worked on until the end of the year. ED reminded mayors of the social distancing max of 25 people. Mayor Kevin Susuico queried if he wanted to commemorate Agat memorials on his own. ED acknowledged yes.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **FOOD COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION** – ED expressed that this is not the Monday, Wednesday, Friday distribution where GDOE and Pacific Unlimited decides to go. This food distribution are to the villages for northern, central, and southern of fruits for residents who are in need. They are looking to establish a southern site. In the next couple of weeks cheese and frozen meats will be distributed to the villages and is free for all residents. ED will keep the Districts posted.

2. **BILL NO. 255-35 HEALTH INSURANCE** – ED expressed that the bill is currently being discussed in session. MCoG supported the passage of the bill for the right to choose health insurance carriers.

3. **BILL NO. 357-35 DOUBLE PAY** –

4. **BILL NO. 358-35 HAZARDOUS PAY**

5. **BILL NO. 359-35 HEROES ANNUAL LEAVE**

6. **BILL NO. 361-35 COMPENSATION OF GOG EMPLOYEES**

As ED reported out under *Communications*, he had sent a general letter to the senators stating not to forget the unclassified employees of the MCoG because they are just as deserving as any classified worker is. Whatever bill they come up with, ED hoped for a hybrid of all the four (4) bills come up with the best to cover everybody and conveyed to call, send, text or e-mail in a letter to senators whether they support, are behind them or have any ideas to make it better.

7. **BOOK AND RELEASE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE** – Mayor McDonald vented his frustration about juveniles committing crimes and is creating chaos in the communities. He doesn't think they should continue to release them and stated that the system isn't working; it needed to be fixed. Mayor Johnny Quinata said they needed to make the law tougher for these people. Mayor McDonald requested an audience with the attorney general.

8. **COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY USE IN MEETINGS** – *Vice President* stated having met with the Office of Technology and wanted to know from Council members what would their preferred method be using technology in terms of having a meeting because OTECH wanted to find a way for the mayors to be able to have conversations. The consensus of the Body chose the Zoom platform.

9. **GSA VEHICLE PURCHASES** – Mayor Susuico queried on the return of vehicles to Districts, which were purchased through GSA, and are currently being used for COVID related transportation. ED asked special assistant to the governor, Robert Lizama to follow up because it came from the governor's office, not the decision of the Council.

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

**GUAM VISITORS BUREAU** – *Vice President* reported that they are trying to develop a plan and are looking at the mayors to partner up in some areas of what help they could extend in terms of tourist related sites that would be allowed to open.

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD** – *President* reported that they have continued to meet on Zoom. Graduations have started and they need the mayors' offices for traffic control assistance.

### 2. MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES –

**2020 MCOG CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE** – Chairman, Mayor Susuico expressed there were no decisions made on anything because of the COVID situation as to how we are going to proceed with it. A deposit had been made with Hotel Nikko. An upcoming meeting is anticipated.

**26<sup>TH</sup> AMIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATUS OF** – No report.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ED reminded mayors with senior centers and adult day care centers that this is the time to get them repaired.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by *Agat Mayor's Office*.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Louise Rivera motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Kevin Susuico. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Attested by:

  
**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:

  
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Transcriber  
MCOG – Administration



# ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTO 10:16am  
A 12:28pm

Type of Meeting:  Regular [ ] Special

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/3	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
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	
LUJAN, Doris F.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
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	
SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofofo	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
SABLAN, Angel R.	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>		
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
Rose F. Guerrero	Yona		
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Chargualaf, Alana	Andersen AFB	797-1452	
Quenga, Bill	Yona Mayor	489-5514	
Vincent P.M. Batorfalo	Yona	488-2503	
	Andersen AFB	483-8113	
Nic Purdy	GUAM EPA	300 4753	
Robert S. Lizama	Gov. off.	685-1113	
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Steve Lintacco	PDR	488-1419	

