



Regular Monthly Meeting
 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2018
 Mayors' Council Conference Room
 Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

GUEST SPEAKER – Ronald Castro, Battalion Chief, Guam Fire Department

President gave the floor to Battalion Chief Castro who spoke on the issuance by mayors of burning permits. He conveyed that the fire chief had instructed him to inform the mayors to cease issuing burning permits to residents and to find a way to come up with an MOU which he would present to the fire chief if mayors want to continue by issuing burning permits to residents. Chief Castro asked that he be informed of Council's decision so he could present this to the fire chief and move forward. Battalion Chief Castro could be reached by calling his cell number at 687-4357 or via e-mail Ronald.castro@gfd.guam.gov.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
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
* SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
* SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofoto
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
○ BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
○ CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
○ DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
○ SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo

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
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes of September 5, 2018 – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No discussions or objections. Motion carried.**

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – **Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No discussions or objections. Motion carried.**

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting October 17, 2018

ED reported during last week's Executive Officers meeting, members have agreed to have Linda Rodriguez, Human Services Program Administrator with DPHSS to contact the individual Mayors' Offices regarding Foster Parent Recruitment. Ms. Rodriguez was approved to make her presentation at the September Special Monthly meeting but never showed up and later communicated with Council requesting for October.

The Executive Officers agreed to have Fire Dept. Battalion Chief Ronald Castro make his presentation before today's meeting was called to order.

There were no requests for audience so there would be no October Special Monthly meeting.

ELECTION 2018 CANDIDATES – ED announced that there are quite a few running for office and had asked to come to Council and meet the mayors. At the recommendation from the Executive Officers that candidates should go to the individual mayors' offices and speak with them that way there's a one-to-one with them. The Body agreed.

2. Communications

a. **2018 COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION (COFA) SURVEY** – ED reported that Mr. Peter Barcinas and Ms. Rochelle Bamba met with the Executive Officers. They are in the process of enumerator recruitment. Every village would be affected. Housing units are pre-selected and is voluntary if residents want to participate in the survey and there are no penalties for not participating. Announcements would be put out ahead of time. The planned survey is scheduled for October and November. Enumerators would be issued identification badges. They do not have a specific time when they go out and do the surveys. Enumerators would earn \$25 per survey completed and verified. The survey only has seven (7) questions but if there are ten (10) people in that household, every ten of them have to fill out the survey. If there are people living in your District that would make a good enumerator to contact Mr. Barcinas.

b. **SCOTT NELSON – TULOY FOUNDATION E-LEARNING COMPUTER SYSTEM DONATION** – ED reported Mr. Nelson sent an e-mail to Council president to see if a projector could be donated to this program in Clark, Philippines. ED spoke on the phone to Mr. Nelson and told him it would be best to make the purchase in PI and give Council the receipt because electricity there is 220 volts and in Guam is 110 and he agreed. Mr. Nelson said the top of the line projector at Clark would cost between \$400 and \$500.

ED said all debts for Liberation were paid and *Treasurer* concurred. Mayor Robert Hofmann queried if the \$5K that was loaned to the *Queen's Committee* from the *Revolving Fund* was reimbursed back. Mayor Melissa Savares expressed if the Body could agree to use \$450 of funds from mayors and vice mayors dues since deductions are every two weeks.

Council president expressed that Mr. Nelson is a supportive individual when baseball teams from Guam go to Clark during tournaments. He is also the president of this organization that sponsors abandoned street kids. Mr. Nelson is also asking for interested young individuals from Guam to apply for apprenticeship program in his company that refurbishes medical equipment such as MRI, Cat Scan, X-ray machine. His father is Peter Nelson of Sylvan Learning Center.

Mayor Dale Alvarez said that Mr. Nelson wanted to have an audience with the Mayors' Council to show how he used solar powered panels using the sun's rays into electricity for his small equipment.

Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the \$400 purchase from the *Dues Fund* and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussion or objections. Motion carried.

c. **INETNON GEPFÁGO 3RD INT'L DANCE FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTION** – Included in today's meeting packet, ED reported the group is asking for Council's support this year whether monetary, venues, meals or transportation or some other way in supporting them and needed to know by October 15 or leave it up to the individual Districts to provide support. Villages supported them last year through their NAFs anyway they can. The festival is scheduled for December 5-8.

d. **GPA MEETING WITH MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS** – Provided in today's meeting packet, ED announced an invitation by GPA to discuss post Typhoon Mangkhut recovery and future storms, vegetation management and communications and concerns mayors may have. They proposed two separate meetings with the different sectors northern and central, southern and central October 10 and 11 respectively 9 a.m. at their CCU boardroom in Fadian, Mangilao. **The consensus agreed with GPA's proposed dates.**

e. **GHS IA FORMS** – ED reported that Mr. Leo Espio contacted him yesterday that Guam had the Presidential Declaration for public assistance. ED said the governor is going to appeal if Individual Assistance (IA) is rejected. What GHS is asking from the individual mayors is to look for more areas that have destroyed home or residents that have not reported so that they could add on to what they already have; if these are new applicants or new damages, they are willing to send FEMA out to take a look. ED expressed that this additional is in case the governor needs to appeal any decision that was made, they could add-on this new information.

f. **LITTER CITATION TRAINING** – ED announced that the Traffic Bureau with the Judicial Center requested mayors and vice mayors full names and dates of birth for badge numbers. The Bureau is trying to work on jurisdiction to cite in another village and if graffiti citation and stray animal citation are part of the initial training held September 19. Citation booklets would be issued out from the Council and signed out individually to each mayor and vice mayor.

g. **MCOG FY 2019 BUDGET** – In the GMS, ED stated that it was reduced by a little over forty thousand and to go ahead and start getting quotes. The final figures would be given out by Friday, October 5. With the Road Inventory, although 2009 was not certified by DPW it was the latest and if Council wanted a later one, we would have to pay for the survey and isn't cheap at all. The amounts in the mayors' budget this year is correct with the exception of GMS; there is no final number yet.

h. **RECYCLING FUND** – ED reported he had tried to get it extended past September 30. It was going to be approved until legal counsel had added legal notice that the work request the Mayors' Council had with EPA ended September 30. ED conveyed to Council members that in the current FY 2019 law, it does extend the funds for the recycling but unfortunately it couldn't be made retroactive to September 30. All invoices needed to be in by October 12, processed and submitted to Dept. of Administration but whatever is not used as of September 30, Council would have to deobligate and turn around and give it back to the mayors under a new purchase order because EPA had agreed that the funds Council had that are not used still belongs to the MCOG. The appropriation in FY 2019 for *Recycling* would go to EPA and they have not yet made a determination of how that money is going to be spent.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **MCOG 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE** – Chairman, Mayor Jesse Alig stated that there is no update to report.

2. **75TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – *President* expressed that this was discussed with the Executive Officers and several mayors that Council would concentrate on the *Parade* and at the suggestion of ED, wait for the new governor whether he could intervene because of the two consecutive years of failure. ED expressed that because this would be the 75th, every mayor would be involved and busy preparing their parade float; at least 80% have committed. Mayor Jesse Alig would send out RFP's for an event coordinator for the *Queens*, *Raffle* and *Carnival* and those specs are being worked on and sent out; they are still working out the issues of how these event coordinators would be paid. Out of respect for the new governor come January, Council would let him know the plans even though we are going to start now in trying to get things rolling. If there are villages that have already identified candidates, start a car wash, fundraise until Council gets event coordinators.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **GuamWebz Village Website and App Project (MCOG Website)** – ED expressed that Rhaj Sharma met with the Executive Officers last week to propose each village to have their own site. Every village could have whatever information they want to put in and report data. ED recollected Mayor Jesse Gogue had brought up at the last meeting having a standardized database. The proposal is if all 19 villages participate it's \$100 a month but if only seventy-five percent participate it would be \$150. GuamWebz would construct the website.

Mayor Melissa Savares said collectively it would be good to show case and promote village festivities and fiestas, and other announcements happening in their village. Mayor also expressed this would be good for students doing research and said, "if we avail these information online, all collectively at one time, they can go and do all that just by going to the Mayors' Council website."

ED said it's also for tourists to check what sites they could see before they go. He said it is a win-win situation with the more information put into it and it not just for students but anybody from anywhere in the world could have access to the villages. It is way more cheaper than other places

Mayor Jessy Alig added that Mr. Sharma is willing to also build a mobile app which he thinks would work. He hadn't been able to find a way to build a website and personally wouldn't manage it. Mayor asked his colleagues if they knew of a better deal and wouldn't mind hearing about it but said he couldn't handle it on his own.

Mayor Robert Hofmann said he uses Bravenet and costs him \$112 a year and paid the process fee. He manages 13 pages, took ten minutes to upload and is user friendly. Mayor said you build your own website and it's not hard to manage, it's all drag and drop. ED expressed that it's not a local company and if Council had to procure it had to be local.

ED said we would leave this on the agenda and see what happens. He expressed that Mr. Sharma would also make standardized forms for every village and would be available on the web; for GHURA, DMV, or Public Health so that everybody is standardized. He said when that comes out he would show the mayors.

Mayor Jessy Gogue expressed that his ultimate concern is his office uses the database and from that database it has a set of forms that preload the field into these forms. When we're automated, those forms would have to be tailored, adjusted down at mayors offices and not something we print out and manually fill in because mayor said he doesn't want to go back to the manually creation of verification forms.

Mayor Jesse Alig added that what was talked about is every District would be able to have everything at their fingertips. Mayor explained that this form that you first view would have all of the options that satisfies GHURA, satisfies Rev & Tax, Veterans Affairs, Public Health and all their divisions. You simply go and click everything you would need and then generate the form and that form is exactly what that agency would need. There's no need to duplicate forms and it's not manual. And also forwarding the information. All this will be in the RFP. Mayor said it is a step forward because mayors offices currently are working with different forms versus having one format in front of us that we just click what fields we need.

Mayor Jessy Gogue said whoever is going to do this would have to go to all 19 offices and create and load the database on there and making sure mayors' offices would be able to port that into the new database structure and then upload the standardize forms.

ED said we could ask Mr. Sharma to come to our November 7 meeting because this is something that can't be done right away but he's working on it.

2. Benguet Disaster Recovery Donation – ED expressed that this Philippine province is where many of our sister-cities are located from Baguio, Tuba, La Trinidad, Kapangan, Kabayan, and Sablan and the typhoon that left Guam (Mangkhut) went to Benguet and killed over sixty-five people. Mayor Kevin Susuico is spearheading a fundraising this Thursday at GoodTymz in Tamuning. The mayor is communicating with the governor of Benguet in trying to see how the Council could support them. At the Executive Officers meeting a recommendation was to donate \$500 from the Council aside from the fundraising to assist in this effort. **Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista made the motion to donate \$500 from the mayors' dues account and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera.**

In discussion, Mayor Melissa Savares asked whom the money would be given to. Mayor Kevin Susuico stated that the money would be given to the governor and he would be the one to disburse it out. He said the fundraiser would be from 6 to 10 p.m. Additional raffle prizes or any food donations are needed. Carmen Aguigui from Agat Mayor's Office delivered to each office tickets and asked to help by selling or purchasing tickets. He had contacted a few of the mayors in Benguet and conveyed that they are grateful and honored that the Mayors' Council is pitching in to show participation with donation assistance. Mayor Susuico believed the toll is near a hundred. *Treasurer* asked who would he make the check payable to and Mayor Susuico said he'd provide the governor's name. Mayor Robert Hofmann recommended to write the check to Agat instead because it would be difficult and Mayor Susuico agreed because if it's converted in the PI it would be more. The Body concurred.

No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.

3. Rota Disaster Recovery donation – ED reported that at last meeting Council members had asked Vice Mayor Rudy Iriarte to communicate with Bank of Guam, Jackie Marati because she had called him asking if the mayors wanted to do something with them to initiate a boot drive and he said he would contact her after sharing this with the Council. Mayor Robert Hofmann said that Ms. Marati did contact the vice mayor but now the problem is in there side. ED said this Council donation is for our AMIM member city Rota and any small donation amount to give to support their recovery efforts. **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to donate \$500 to Rota and sent to Mayor Atalig from the mayors and vice mayors dues account and seconded by Mayor Rudy Paco. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

4. AMIM 25th General Assembly – ED reported that AMIM president, Mayor Joey San Nicolas was in Guam to attend the Mangilao Donne Festival and it was explained to him that there were no travel funds for almost everything in the government of Guam except for federal. ED stated that in order for the majority to travel to the CNMI, Council would have to get it out from AMIM as we had done out of the AMIM appropriations that is set aside every year as Council had done in previous years but this fiscal year there is none except for the dues that was set aside which is \$4,000. CNMI members are happy to come to Guam and at the suggestion of AMIM president, have the assembly on Guam on November 15-16.

ED expressed that it is also election of AMIM officers this year and the president has to come from Guam. **Mayor Jessy Gogue made a motion that Council members, based on financial constraints posed upon on Guam for government travel that the Mayors' Council host this year's AMIM General Assembly on Guam. Seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussion or objections. The motion carried.**

Mayor Rudy Matanane requested to have the election of officers on November 15 because Yigo Citrus Festival starts November 16. AMIM Treasurer Mayor Melissa Savares said it's dependent on the agenda of the officers. ED expressed to Mayor Matanane that the opening of Yigo Citrus Festival is on the evening of Friday, November 16 and asked if he would be willing to host dinner for AMIM at the opening of his festival. Mayor Matanane accepted.

5. MCOG Resolution on Bill No. 352-34 Guam Education Board – A bill introduced by Senator San Agustin, Mayor Melissa Savares stated that this bill would amend to remove the three appointees of the governor from the education board, increasing the term from two years to four years and making the non-voting members voting members. That would make Mayors' Council representative, Mayor Rudy Matanane be a voting member and to receive a stipend. **Mayor Jessy Gogue made a motion for a Council resolution to support this bill and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today's luncheon hosted by **Agat Mayor's Office**.
- ED reminded Council members of invitation from Mayor Joey San Nicolas to Taga Festival October 5-7 in Tinian. The mayor secured three government vehicles and four rooms and he would transportation from Saipan to Tinian and back at his expense.
- ED reminded Council members of San Dionisio fiesta. Umatac Mayor Johnny Quinata would be hosting at his office.
- Agat Vice Mayor Christopher Fejeran announced CAHA Arts and Humanities Month with a proclamation signing Thursday, October 4 at 6 to 9 p.m. at the Terlaje Bldg. There are events scheduled throughout the month.
- As of October 1, Mayor Doris Lujan announced that the Inarajan Mayor's Office is now at the Inarajan Community Center. All phone numbers remain the same.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kevin Susuico moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Jesse Blas. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

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BLAS, Jesse M.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
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	
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