



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2022
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
* BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inaláhan
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
* QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humatak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O/R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O/R McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
O/R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
O SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
** UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

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

Sixteen (16) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Jessy Gogue. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the April report and was seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Rachel Ramirez and Vivian Pareja, DPHSS - Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Services through the Guam Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Cancer prevention and support services through the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.
2. Hoku Ka'aekuahiwi Pousima, NOAA, Mariana Trench National Marine Sanctuaries – Briefing on a 5-Year Review of the Mariana Trench National Marine Sanctuary nomination. NOAA felt that it was important to take the additional time to work with CNMI and Guam leadership to provide presentations on the nomination process and how that process differed from a designation process. An additional public meeting was held last week on March 31, 2022. Their team is working hard to ensure that the word is shared with the community and leadership to join, the public meetings and provide public comment or provide public comment in another form. The public comment period will end on April 25, 2022 after which NOAA will review all information received. If NOAA does determine that the site continues to meet its eleven (11) criteria on national significance and management consideration, it will remain in the inventory for an additional five years.
President suggested working with the executive director and the officers to draft some comments and send them to Ms. Pousima’s review. There were no objections.
3. Elaine Eclavea and Pauline Camacho, DPHSS - Sharing of activities in partnership with the Village Mayors as part of the funded Pre-school Development Grant to include the expansion of Village Plan Time - Family Engagement Activities for children (Birth to 5) and their families that do not have access to any formal child care. *President* conveyed to the Body that if Districts never had a village playtime hosted in their village, to reach out to them.
4. Peter R. Sgro, Jr., Guam Heartbeat Act of 2022 – Mr. Sgro was not able to present. He had to be in court. *President* expressed rescheduling his presentation.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

OFFICE SPACE – ED reported changes. The Office of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention (OHAPP) will be out by May 31, 2022 and MCOG will be moving the Senior Center Operations office over from Macheche and also the additional administrative assistants that Council picked up for the ESF and ARPA grants.

FUNERAL MASS – Mass of Christian Burial for Olivia Benavente Savares, mother of Mayor Melissa Savares, will be held Monday, April 11 at 10 a.m. at Santa Barbara Catholic Church. There will be no viewing.

MCOG FY 2023 BUDGET – The budget that was due on March 23rd was submitted. In speaking with Senator Joe S. San Agustin, the \$2.8M that was coming from the Guam Highway Fund, MCOG will get it from the General Fund. There is almost a guarantee that the discussion at the last meeting about the two positions being taken over to DPW will not happen.

PYRAMID INT'L CORP – They are now available to pick up white goods.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS (ESF) – Council sent an email last week to those Districts that applied for ESL to show where those funds are at, what categories they are in, and the breakdown of the total amount of the grant that was given. Districts may submit requisitions to MCOG Admin. Office, understanding that those that are over \$50k will have to go out on bid. Some Districts have capital outlay projects that would have to be bid out by DPW and GSA. ED and Rica Garrido, Administrative Assistant for the ESF grant will work with the Districts to make sure that the quotes needed for the requisitions are all good and ready to go. Several requisitions were submitted to Council and are currently being worked on.

ARPA – Funds have been uploaded. Districts received the \$46,954. It's for operations. The additional funds that have been promised by the governor's office, Vice President, Mayor Robert Hofmann, had communicated with the front office about the status of the \$100K for each District and is working on getting that released. DPW is handling the heavy equipment. Council is using the personnel funding for the COVID pay that most Districts have been receiving. Once PCOR4 is announced there will no longer be any COVID pay.

AG RESPONSE TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW – Copies of the AG's response were distributed to Council members during the meeting. The MCOG and all the Municipal Planning Councils are required to comply. For any meeting where action is to be done, public notice requires publication in the newspaper and on the Guam Public Notice Website. The five (5) day period does not count weekends or holidays and the law does not stipulate whether or not the 48-hour notice can be done on weekends.

One of the questions asked is if an MPC is to host a meeting because there needs to be a public hearing that is required by another agency, as an example, an applicant for a zone change or an applicant for other miscellaneous matters with Dept. of Land Management, the AG's opine is that the agency on whose behalf the meeting is being held that is responsible for the publication of notice.

If a District is just having a non-public meeting to discuss a seasonal event and there's no requirement for a quorum, a notice of public meeting is not required. Any voting or action can be taken until you get with your MPC and a quorum is established.

ED is aware that MCOG is not funded for these notices. It is included in FY'23. As of now up to September 30, 2022, Districts having meetings, set aside some ARPA money for publication notices. ED communicated to please read through it and if mayors have any more questions on it, he will refer it back to the AG for more clarification.

Mayor Gogue stated that he has not budgeted for these meetings. Not only the advertising, but also the infrastructure, and not having the talent pool, his District is not equipped. He sought guidance.

ED responded that he would work with the governor's office and BBMR to see whether or not they can readjust some of the ARPA money that they're giving MCOG to give more out to the villages to be able to comply with the law. Even the governor, in her message to the legislature, when she signed the open government law, did admit that she signed this, even though she knew that many of the agencies, not just MCOG are not ready to be able to carry out the mandates of this law because they were never funded for it.

ED will work on that end to make sure to find some funding. Some mayors' have already said they're going to cut their MPC meetings from once a month to probably quarterly to save money.

President conveyed to Mayor Gogue that he thinks the long-term solution is introducing legislation to amend the law. If the mayor planned to have a meeting and needed help to produce something right away, he would help him because the YouTube channel is free. Mayor can contact him and will help him between his staff and perhaps another District's staff.

Mayor Gogue expressed that the intent of the legislation that was passed was intended for more island-wide issues and said, "When we discuss issues in our community, it's specific to our community. All these unfunded mandates are being passed and they still expect us to do all of the things we did 10 years ago and even more so today."

BOOSTER SHOTS AT SENIOR CENTERS – If any of the mayors with senior centers wanted to have DPHSS provide the third booster shots, they are more than willing to do so.

AMERICAN RED CROSS DONATION – American Red Cross is donating sixty (60) cases of water to each of the villages. Coordinate with Ambrose Constantino at (671) 688-0282 on when and how to get the cases at the FEMA warehouse in Barrigada.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR - The meeting was scheduled to be at the end of this month. It's been postponed because of some kind of conflict. The governor's special assistant will let MCOG know of the new schedule.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

ELDER JUSTICE CENTER PROGRAM – *President* reported that they would like to come out to the senior centers in May to share with them the services they provide. They will help with the four different types of services; *Power of Attorney, Last Will and Testament, Living Will*, and advice regarding *Guardianship over an Adult*. Their advisory council will go before the board of directors of the Public Defender to get permission to include other services to offer.

COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION – *President* reported working on information to get disseminated to mayors' offices. He requested not to have pamphlets because most offices still have service windows. So they'll have posters where there are QR codes that residents can scan to access the information and they can also get it online. Hard copies can get delivered rather than printing and delivering if mayors' are unable to disseminate

them. The commission also encouraged residents to visit the *Fanohge Chamorro* exhibit at the Guam Museum until June. Their hours are from 9 am to 4 pm.

WAR CLAIMS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE – *President* reported a hearing next Wednesday. The committee had been working through some of the processees in order to pay out the manamko'. They were able to review their applications before the actual meeting so they can adjudicate them on Wednesday for those that have submitted. *President* will keep the Body posted after Wednesday's meeting.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES –

GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE WAVE – Scheduled for tomorrow, April 8 from 4 pm to 6 pm. They had identified many of the same villages that they have used in the past. They are asking representation for Hâgat and Humâtak. There will be no shirts until before the end of this month because the printer was not able to get all the sizes in time. They are going to be dropping off the signs and banners in time for tomorrow's waves. *President* expressed that if a village was not included in the dissemination, to join their neighboring village.

BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE – *President* stated that during the March Special Meeting it was recommended to have a budget subcommittee formed by the mayors who submitted budget proposals. He asked that the committee meet before the next Regular Meeting. It is in the minutes of those who wanted to participate in that committee and that it was time to discuss that so that as we have more discussions with the legislature and bring our concerns to them, *President* said.

He asked the vice president to convene a meeting and then they can decide when and how that makeup was going to happen. *Vice President* acknowledged.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON BILL NO. 260 AND BILL NO. 261 RELATIVE TO THE LIQUID FUEL TAX – *President* stated that he had been invited to offer testimony on behalf of the council and said he does not like to offer testimony in favor or against a bill if he has not received the consensus from the Body. He asked ED to be present today at 1:30 p.m. to offer some statements about the bills but not to stand in favor or against them because the council needed to discuss the ramifications. He expressed that if our current appropriations are going to be affected by eliminating the liquid fuel tax then he is not in support of it. If it doesn't affect the council's current appropriations, he is willing to consider supporting the bills and if it's positive for the consumer, he is in support of it.

The mayor of Chalan Pago was recognized. Mayor Gogue recalled about 20 years ago The legislature went ahead and raised the GRT for about a year, from 4% to 6%, But when the legislature repealed that 2% hike and brought it back down to 4%, GRT the retail prices did not go down. He didn't find any of your day-to-day expenses any less than it was after they repealed it. Not in groceries, not in services at the gas stations, not in the restaurants, nothing went down to commensurate with the rollback of that increase in the GRT.

President read an email he received from Speaker Therese Terlaje to seek the support of the village mayors and the Mayors' Council of Guam.

Mayor Gogue expressed that the companies that provide fuel to this island and retail fuel to this island must provide the government of Guam with their formulary on how they calculate these prices. If we're going to repeal this law, they must stick to that formulary that they're utilizing, to determine these prices, so that it reflects a commensurate reduction of the fuel costs to the people of Guam by this cost savings and if they raise the prices outside of that formulary, then they have to pay the taxes. There are no assurances that these cost savings are going to be passed on to the consumer. Mayor said he is very cautious about supporting this bill.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS** – Senior citizen centers will reopen on May 2. MCOG *Vice President*, Mayor Robert Hofmann said the 4-week notice should go out to help transition those with the pickup or the home delivery meals into the different kinds of care. Mayor also gave reminder to renew their center's bingo license since they all expired in December.

2. **FOSTER CARE PROJECT** – *President* gave the floor to Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado who introduced his counterpart and gave the floor to Andy Quinata, a student from St. Francis Catholic School, as part of the annual island leadership day. He reported MCOG surpassed the goal of 19 foster families as of today and the new number of registered foster families is twenty-nine (29). The foster care project campaign ends in May. *President* asked Council members to share any ideas that can be done to culminate it in May.

3. **78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – *President* communicated that he met with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and GVB and was assured that it would be funded. There will not be a carnival and no visiting liberators. If there are any liberation queens from off-island, they will be accommodated. They will work towards providing a little funding for the *Memorials*. There was never any real commitment by anyone to help lead the *Queen's* contest so there will be no contest this year.

The goal is to have all the 19 villages represented in the parade without costing the village too much. There will be a joint media press conference with the governor's office, Guam Visitors Bureau, and the Mayors' Council to reveal the theme for this year's liberation and the Grand Marshall.

Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion that the parade entry for the mayor's council will be non-competitive and that the entry would be the standard so it has to be something in your inventory, a vehicle or a trailer. Seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf.

In discussion, *President* clarified that it is the trailer that is attached to our truck so we will all enter, regardless of whether it's that trailer size or we have a marching unit.

Vice Mayor Delgado's concern is people who are expected to come out, come out to just see things that just seem like they're just regular day-to-day vehicles, and for the council to consider people's choice so that the people can be more engaged and they're going to vote but that's only if the Body decided to go competitive, non-cash related.

Mayor Tony Chargualaf expressed that as long as the Council remained uniform in that manner and showed the spirit of comradery, he's in total support.

Mayor Kevin Susuico expressed that a trailer can be transformed dependent on creativity and adding other things to represent your villages such as a marching unit and dance groups from schools.

Mayor Gogue liked Mayor Susuico and Vice Mayor Delgado's ideas and added doing a call out to their community to come out, represent and be part of the parade.

Vice Mayor Delgado made an amendment to the motion to give out non-competitive or non-monetary prizes in the form of having the community get involved by people's choice and some of the categories that they can consider. Seconded by Mayor Susuico.

In discussion, Mayor Gogue expressed that MCOG needed to ensure that there's a funding source that supports this amendment. *President* said that there is a funding source and if there were no funding source, he would personally pay for it.

No further discussions or objections to the amendment. The motion carried.

For the *Memorials*, *President* expressed that Mayor June Blas will work with Jennifer Dulla with the governor's office for protocol issues and they are looking at providing the same amount of money, which is \$500. No serving is going to be asked of the mayors to keep it uniform. Mayor Blas will work with the mayors and will submit the dates and times for all the *Memorials*. and work with the governor's office and Council's liaison so they can do the media release.

Fireworks will be on liberation night and on Friday there will be a drone show and an event at Ypao Beach Park. There are plans to have another celebration on Saturday to celebrate liberation. *President* will share those plans as they are confirmed.

For the record, Mayor Anthony Chargualaf stated that he will serve at his *Memorial*. *President* conveyed that if you are hosting a Memorial, we are not asking to go beyond the ceremony and are not expecting anything more than a beautiful ceremony and following the same program and the same protocol as last year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ *President* reminded Council members that the 2nd quarterly reports are due April 11. The Council had sent out reminders.

➤ *President* requested a motion to approve the expense to have the nameplates replaced to correct the village name changes based on the new law and some titles. The total cost would be a quarter of \$2K. **Mayor Blas made the motion and was seconded by Mayor Susuico. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

➤ *President* thanked ED, the Council, Sinajana, and Piti staff for putting the new conference room together and for the mayor's approval for the pictures on the walls.

➤ *President* reminded that Mayor Savarese's mom's funeral mass is on April 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Santa Barbara Church and he regrettably cannot make it because of a prior engagement and asked Council members to attend. A prayer was offered for Mayor's mom.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

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ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL



April 7, 2022

NAME	PRESENT	LATE	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig	✓			
Mayor Dale E. Alvarez	✓			
Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista	✓			
Vice Mayor Peter John S. Benavente		✓	JTB	
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 Jessy C. Gogue	✓			
Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann	✓			
Vice Mayor Rudy D. Iriarte			✓	
Vice Mayor Loreto V. Leones	R		✓	
Mayor Paul M. McDonald	R		✓	
Mayor Rudy A. Paco	✓			
Mayor Bill A. Quenga	✓			
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata		✓	JTB	
Mayor Louise C. Rivera	✓			
Mayor Frankie A. Salas	✓			
Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez	R		✓	
Mayor Melissa B. Savares			✓	
Mayor Kevin T. Susuico	✓			
Mayor Vicente S. Taitague	✓			
Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves	✓			
Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta	R		✓	OJ

TOTAL	<u>16</u>	<u> </u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
	PRESENT	LATE	ABSENT	EXCUSED

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

LOUISE C. RIVERA

Mayor of Tamuning and Executive Secretary



ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/33	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Inalahan	475-2509-11	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Malessos	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatña	477-8045/47	
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Hagat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
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	
LEONES, Loreto V.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Humatak	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	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Hagat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talo'fo'fo'	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
TRINITY HUPANA	Yigo		
Genedone Cernaos	Mangilao		
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
MARIO PADILLA	SMD	929-0875	
Michael Mabros	SMD	472-6707	
Tia Pereda	PMO		
Andy Rinata	Mangilao Mayor Office		
LEONA ACALLE	YMD	8640763	
Vivian Pareja	DMSS	477-003	
Chansi Mante	DMSS		
Narel Ramirez	DMSS		
Suzanna Plotnikov	Andersen AFB	689-6944	
Eric Subbers	Andersen AFB	788-9411	

