



Regular Monthly Meeting
Zoom Platform
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Zoom Meeting ID: 847 2760 9891
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MINUTES

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

President announced that Tanya Mendiola would no longer be with Joint Region Marianas. Council presented her with a certificate.

II. ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:

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| 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 | Inalåhan |
| CHARGUALAF, Ernest T. | Mayor | Malesso' |
| DELGADO, Kevin AN | Vice Mayor | Mangilao |
| FEJERAN, Christopher J. | Vice Mayor | Hågat |
| GOGUE, Jessy C. | Mayor | Chalan Pago-Ordot |
| HOFMANN, Robert RDC | Mayor | Sinajana |
| McDONALD, Paul M. | Mayor | Agana Heights |
| PACO, Rudy A. | Mayor | M-T-M |
| * QUENGA, Bill A. | Mayor | Yona |
| * QUINATA, Johnny A. | Mayor | Humåtak |
| RIVERA, Louise C. | Mayor | Tamuning |
| SALAS, Frankie A. | Mayor | Asan-Maina |
| SAVARES, Melissa B. | Mayor | Dededo |
| SUSUICO, Kevin J.T. | Mayor | Hågat |
| 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 | Sånta Rita-Sumai |
| O/R CRUZ, John A. | Mayor | Hagåtña |
| O IRIARTE, Rudy D. | Vice Mayor | Sinajana |
| R LEONES, Loreto V. | Vice Mayor | Yigo |
| O/R SANCHEZ, Anthony P. | Mayor | Yigo |

O = ABSENT

*** = LATE**

**** = OFF ISLAND**

R = REPRESENTATIVE

Nineteen (19) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussion or objection. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No discussion or objection. The motion carried.

VI. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Joiel Daison Setik – Mañelu (Micronesian Resource Center)
- Introduction of programs, opportunities, workshops, and services that Mañelu offers and bring into the community.
2. Michele Perez, GTA and Joshua Agerstrand, LongLive Artist
- In partnership with local artists, roll out mural project in each village for the next four years.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – ED reported funds are uploaded and purchase orders for abandoned vehicles processing and equipment rental are ready for pickup after 2 p.m. today. Tomorrow should be the white goods. Those Districts that have special requests, Council is working on those and should be ready as soon as Monday.

CHAMORU LAND TRUST COMMISSION – Distributed in district boxes, CLTC requested assistance by posting on mayors’ bulletin board a listing of awarded lot applicants since December 1995.

SENIOR CENTERS REOPENING – Centers are still not open but they are actively working to get them all prepared. Division of Senior Citizens and Environmental Health have been conducting inspections. There are a few more. At this time, there is no definite date for the reopening.

President commented that every office is fully aware of their inspection date and time and to make sure they are prepared for the inspection and to work with their recreation leaders to ensure that the centers are prepared for inspection.

GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION – The commission opened up the registration for Ethics Training for Friday, 02/04/22 starting at 8 am to 12noon. It will be conducted via zoom. There are twenty-five (25) slots available. All staff on a GG-1 have to go through this training. The cost is \$80 each and has to come out of the mayors’ account.

GEC told Mayor Savares they accept journal vouchers instead of doing a requisition. Just have the accounts JV'd to the commission for the number of people mayors send to the training. There is a form that has the account number that mayors can work with Joann or Dawn at admin. office.

ED expressed for those that wanted to go through the requisition process, as long as they have the funding and an account number, they could use that process as well.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – No reports.

2. **STANDING COMMITTEES** –

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON BILL NO. 155-36 UPDATING ABANDONED VEHICLE LAW – Mayor Robert Hofmann announced a virtual public hearing at 9 am, Friday, February 4, 2022 in regards to the abandoned vehicle law. Senator Joe San Agustin is the oversight chair. Mayor expressed to look at the bill, add support or submit testimony; it would help in closing gaps and loopholes.

President expressed that meeting notes from their committee meeting was sent electronically January 19 to everyone and all present had no objections to sending a letter of support for the bill.

Mayor Savares recommended to the legislative committee that if a vehicle has a name to the registration, to hold the owner responsible and if they have other vehicles that needed to be registered, assess fees; they can't register their vehicles until they have it cleared.

Mayor Hofmann said that the bill states, "If the vehicle is not claimed after the notice is provided to the public the title is revoked and it's treated as solid waste. It automatically makes it so easier not having to worry about tracking down specific people who could be anywhere in this world."

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf said the problem is that when the original registered owner sells the vehicle there is no tracking system as to who purchased it so that it provides a chain of custody and that person that received it as well should be obligated and hold them accountable.

Mayor Ungacta queried to have the bill amended to include holding the registered owners responsible and to remove the vehicle. *President* said the Council would suggest there be an amendment to the bill in order for mayors not to incur the expenses while supporting its intent.

Mayor Hofmann made the motion for a letter of support for Bill 155 and seconded by Mayor Savares. *President* stated for the record that the first piece of discussion would include the remarks by Mayor Savares, Mayor Ernest Chargualaf, and Mayor Ungacta. In discussion, Mayor Rudy Paco said it is the same process as purchasing a firearm, where the seller and the buyer go and register the firearm. Therefore, the seller and a buyer should go up to DMV and register the vehicle. That way it will be easier to track down the owner of the vehicle.

Mayor Hofmann said, "What this bill is doing is when you have a burned out car it gives the powers to move it other than not touching it. Mayors have concerns about law enforcement removing the license plate and leaving the car and suddenly is stripped. This makes it illegal to do so. A section says that the vehicle has monetary value. It's sold by the government to recoup the cost and that goes into the recycling revolving fund. If there is monetary value, most tow companies will take it because they can resell it and now that there's no title, they'll actually bid for it. So there are components to connect the dots. Please read the bill."

No further discussions or objections. The motion carried. Mayor Hofmann stated attaching everybody's names who attended today's meeting supporting this publicly.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON BILL NO. 234-36 VIDEO SECURITY CAMERAS IN PUBLIC AREAS – Council members present during the committee meeting had no objections to supporting the bill. *President* asked for a motion. **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to support the bill and seconded by Mayor Hofmann.** In discussion, during the committee meeting, Mayor Hofmann expressed that the main points that were asked was the cost and the bandwidth. There are still a lot of unanswered questions, and he doesn't feel Council is in a position to publicly support this without having these questions answered. There are a lot of logistics that is needed to happen; who will monitor the camera; the bandwidth is the most expensive; wireless or not. Mayor Jessy Gogue concurred and expressed that without certain questions on the buying and what they charge to the credits that they're awarded, those details needed to be hashed out.

Roll Call vote. 15 Nays. 2 Ayes. The motion failed.

For the record, *President* reminded everyone to mute their microphones and unmute when they are going to talk and when they are done talking.

Council could not support the bill because there were questions that needed to be answered. They welcomed it because it would help mayors keep their areas safe. That is the reason for the failed vote of support at this time.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **FOSTER CARE PROJECT** – *President* recognized and gave the floor to Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado who announced that as of today, the Council met their goal of nineteen (19) families who have submitted their applications. The campaign will continue through May. Vice Mayor said Council president will be sending a letter to the archdiocese to ask them to offer mass at their respective churches and an intention on the weekend of Valentine's Day. *President* expressed gratitude to all media partners.

2. **78TH LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – The *Memorials* will remain status quo. *President* asked Mayor June Blas to chair this committee. Mayor accepted.

President said there were three options being considered for the queen's contest: status quo and do the raffle fundraiser; the queen would be selected based on some type of advocacy and contribution to the community, to the village; and the third is not to have a contest.

In the past three meetings, Vice Mayor Delgado reported a list of ideas of how villages can celebrate considering they may not be a large-scale parade. Some of the ideas that came up was a traveling billboard or two that will just be parked at certain areas that are visible throughout the island, anywhere between June 8 and August 8. Village displays like, with the *Belens*, a mini parade within the villages with all Districts participation, driving around the island motorcade, and roadside waves with their respective village representatives, candlelight Memorial, offering mass, and village candy giving.

President said they would have another liberation committee meeting, finalize these options, and then present them before the next meeting so they can vote on how they are going to proceed.

Vice Mayor Delgado commented that ED had mentioned to consider commemorating this year's liberation paralleling it with the war of the past, with the current public health war. To recognize that people are in this war particularly with mental health and other sufferings attributed to COVID-19. Also recognizing and highlighting a brand new generation of heroes, war heroes in the form of the frontliners. That will highlight the 78th year and recognize those who need to be recognized.

3. ARPA FUNDS DISTRIBUTION – ED reported that in several days Admin. Office will send out a notice to all Districts to submit their allotment schedules for the \$46,954.

ED is waiting for four more plans to come in from the villages before he submits that over to BBMR and they can release the funding for each District at a \$100,000.

The \$1.3M funds to purchase heavy equipment, ED is working with Dept. of Public Works Deputy Director Linda Ibanez. DPW is going to be making those purchases with the assurance that whatever equipment is purchased under these funds belong to the MCOG.

ED will finalize with the mayors, the purchase of vehicles for the 19 (nineteen) Districts at \$1.1M.

\$20,000 for each District to provide for the maintenance of current vehicles and for repairing vehicles that are down that can still be made road-worthy.

The remaining \$8.8M will be coming later on this year where MCOG goes through a whole process of the Governor deciding how that would be broken down.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf asked if these funds were subjected to buying American parts. Mayor Hofmann responded whether it be ARPA or CARES money, it has to go by American. The purchase of new things, making repairs, it is a requirement that the *Buy American Act* does apply.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. P.L. 36-34 REQUIREMENTS – *President* reiterated to the Body to announce their municipal planning council meetings. If paying for the ad using NAF or appropriated funds, Districts still needed to get price quotations.

Mayor Savares queried if ED could check with the attorney general's office if this law applied to MPC's. She stated that, "This is an unfunded mandate that the legislature requires for us to do. They didn't give us money for this." Mayor had spent \$264 of non-appropriated funds; money that she said could otherwise be used to assist her residents.

ED will request the attorney general's office to give a definite answer. He recommend to the Body to download Title 5 Chapter 8, the *Open Government Law*, which also incorporated this new law. The governor in her message to the legislature when she signed this into law, she clearly stated that this is an unfunded mandate that they're putting out to all the agencies, the different boards and commissions, and that they all be livestreamed. Many of the offices don't even have the equipment to do all of these things. Unfortunately, it is law. Districts have to comply and dig somewhere in their operations funds to make this happen. ED stated that funding would be in Council's budget for the next fiscal year.

While that may not be as impactful to a large village like Dededo with a typically larger budget, it can hurt smaller villages. Mayor Gogue stated, "I don't have the infrastructure to do this. So buying all of these things just becomes a real financial nightmare and instead of giving us the monies to address this, they cut our budget. We're already sacrificing repairs to our roads, road maintenance, repairs to our equipment, etc. We're an office of operations. We're out there trying to serve our people and to have this, to force us to spend this money on stuff that could be better used in providing direct support to our constituents. That is just, to me, outright sinful."

Mayor Hofmann asked how much further down in their activities and events such as planning an Easter egg hunt will the Open Government Law requirements apply. Mayor queried if this could be included in the inquiry to the attorney general for MCOG subcommittees and MPC subcommittees. *President* asked ED to include that aspect in his inquiry to the attorney general.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado will be the MCOG representative for the upcoming April planning/coordinating meetings with Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASAFV)
- Peter Alexis Ada is compiling a book and is requesting couples that are married sixty plus years in your village. He can be reached at (671)482-7776.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:27 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

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ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL



Virtual Platform
February 2, 2022

| NAME | PRESENT | LATE | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig | ✓ | | | |
| Mayor Dale E. Alvarez | R | | ✓ | |
| 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 | R | | ✓ | |
| 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 | | | ✓ | |
| 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 | R | | ✓ | |
| Mayor Melissa B. Savares | ✓ | | | |
| Mayor Kevin T. Susuico | ✓ | | | |
| Mayor Vicente S. Taitague | ✓ | | | |
| Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves | ✓ | | | |
| Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | <u>19</u> PRESENT | <u>2</u> LATE | <u>5</u> ABSENT | <u>0</u> EXCUSED |

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

LOUISE C. RIVERA
Mayor of Tamuning and Executive Secretary



Mayors' Council of Guam

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VOTING RECORD

17th Mayors' Council of Guam
Regular Monthly Meeting

DATE: February 2, 2022

IN SUPPORT OF BILL

PURPOSE:

234-36

| 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 | | ✓ | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| 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

2

15

Aye

Nay

Not
Voting/
Abstained

Out
During
Roll Call

Absent

Excused

CERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning

