



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:03 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
V BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
* CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
V DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
V GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
V McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
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
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
O BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
O SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
O UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

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

Fifteen (15) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

- A. Chris Flores, Islandwide Beautification Task Force, Bus Stops
- B. Conchita Taitano, Edwin Reyes, and Jay Merrill, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Guahan 2050 Sustainability Plan

V. APROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES – Mayor Anthony Chargualaf made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Anthony Chargualaf made the motion to approve the October and November report and was seconded by Mayor Bill Quenga.

In discussion, The Guam Island Fair service charge would be removed through electronic transactions, the president informed the treasurer. The Treasurer noted and acknowledged.

The president pointed out that the Revolving Fund *Dues* paid for the Christmas party. In order to avoid having to hold monthly fundraising raffles, the president requested the Body to consider allocating the dues in that direction as a viable option, donation to our staff.

No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

A reimbursement request for \$1,238.72 was received through Mayor Hoffman for items that the Council bought for Angel Sablan's retirement. **Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the expenditure and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HEARING ON H.R. 6273 – Before creating that testimony, the president convened a meeting with the mayors and vice mayors to elicit their input. However, after meeting with the congressman and the governor, he realized that we could reposition that testimony to advance our objectives in Congress. He thanked the mayors for their support and contributions.

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – The expenditure plan for FY24 was due on October 1, 2023, and the president is now working on it. On February 15, he will appear before the board to explain the plan. The issue he had was on the tires purchase order. In the past the Council allocated a large number of money for tires. There was a problem with the vendor because half the time the machines were broken. He said he doesn't want to allocate so much money into tires if Districts were not able to dispose them properly. He wants to see what the issues are with the vendor first. He would like to put more money into abandoned vehicles.

With the FY23, he signed the work order for the remaining \$750K almost three weeks ago. It was sent to GuamEPA, but it was only received by BBMR on January 29. He received a call from BBMR informing him that they had sent it back to GuamEPA for correction.

ARPA FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES – The Council has been trying to get trucks for the past two years. He is working on getting the trucks. There was no bid process initiated; market research is required.

ARPA FUNDS – Department of Administration asked for the balances of all the purchase orders, which he sent via email so that they can give us an extension. The Council is still waiting for that extension.

GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT – To identify council-wide issues and concerns, GPD wants to have a meeting in March, starting with the southern and eastern districts. Inaláhan mayor offered to host the meeting at his office.

FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT – Assurance was given to him that this insurance waiver would be included in all PAs for those districts working on them for damages as a result of Typhoon Mawar. Work with your PAs; if not, get assistance from Homeland Security's Charles Estevez or Joe Cabana at the Recovery Office. Since it is a Homeland Security function, if it is not included, contact the person you are working with or get in touch with Homeland Security directly. He is not including anything in the council's FY 2025 budget.

FY 2025 BUDGET PREPARATION – He communicated to the Body to notify him right away if there was something they wanted to be addressed or something specific. He believes the mayors would agree that seeking federal funding will benefit the villages directly and would help with their budget issues. Whether it is for disaster aid or something else entirely he is working to see how to identify and recognize each municipality as true municipalities as opposed to one jurisdiction. What was learned, Guam was considered one municipality during the pandemic, and so all of the money from Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) went straight to the municipality, or the territory of Guam, from which the Council received whatever the territory felt like giving us.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **FEMA Technical Assistance** – Because there were FEMA representatives present, there were no objections from the Body to entertain them first from line Item C for anyone who had any questions or concerns regarding hazard mitigation. The president queried with the type of assistance the Districts could receive for that application on water tanks, generators, and tier two shelters.

Harold Colón can provide the Districts with technical guidance as he works directly with PA mitigation. For information on the Hazard Mitigation Grant program, contact Ron Obispo of Guam Homeland Security. He instructed Mr. Colón to conduct a workshop on benefit-cost analysis for all kinds of projects. The workshop entails what is needed, how to put it together, how to get the benefits that you need and, or demonstrate the benefits in order for FEMA to provide the funding. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is authorized by Section 404. Hazard mitigation funded by the Public Assistance Program is authorized by Section 406.

The Interagency Recovery Coordination group Community Assistance is represented by Patti Miller-Crowley. At the Council's request, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers inspected different village facilities for a variety of reasons. She mentioned a report that they would be happy to share. There's a program called Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance Program. She provided this information for dissemination to anyone who's interested in this program. They anticipate that the National Renewable Energy Lab, through FEMA, will be on island in the next two weeks to conduct energy audits. The Council is listed on the State Mitigation Officers Hazard Mitigation list for the generators.

B. District Staff Trainings – Anticipate another OSHA training in the third or fourth quarter of the current fiscal year.

Tree pruning sessions were completed last Friday and another session can be scheduled. Actual tree cutting with the arborists is being looked at.

On February 21, the Sinajana Mayor's Office will hold the traffic direction class session training. Following that, the police officers will divide the group into sections and take them to the actual traffic intersections.

Mayor Melissa Savares suggested that staff members receive active shooter training because domestic problems in neighborhoods are brought to the mayors' offices and even to public open spaces.

In terms of staff development, the president asked if there was a need to have office staff training. Customer service and basic computer skills were recommended.

C. 80th Liberation Planning

The unified *Memorial* is being handled by Mayor Hoffman.

A theme has not been selected. A committee meeting must be held to vote on it to move forward with a logo.

Mayor Kevin Susuico offered to take care of the Queens raffle. A suggestion was made for cash as prizes and not to exceed \$20,000. Mayor Jesse Gogue suggested getting a vehicle donation from one of the car dealerships. Mayor Savares stated that a dealership sells a car for its cost; it will be more than the \$10,000 in cash prizes. There were no objections to the grand prize at \$10,000, the baby grand at \$5,000, \$500, \$300, and the rest of the prizes at a \$100. **Mayor Rudy Paco made a motion on the floor to print 30,000 raffle booklets to start off to have cash prizes not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Mayor Melissa Savares.** In discussion, the president stated that this should make it possible to purchase more booklets as needed and the grand prize is \$10,000 and the baby grand is, at the very least, \$5,000 from the \$20,000 cash. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.** The president asked the Body if there was a motion to entertain the vehicle as a prize as mentioned by Mayor Gogue. No motion made.

The president reminded the Body of the survey that was taken by GVB, the carnival was not on the list; it was more of cultural activities and family events that could be extended throughout the weekend. Mayor Savares recommended a two-day event that would include block parties at the huts in Chamorro Village on Saturday and Sunday, a parade on Sunday, and fireworks concluding Liberation night. The president thought the idea was great, adding to make sure aspects of culture and centric activities were addressed.

Reverting back to the *Memorials*, Mayor Susuico brought it up because there was no date set. He proposed having the Queen's breakfast or Queen's lunch on a Friday so that way it clears out the Queen's committee followed by the unified *Memorial* as opposed to rushing everything on Saturday. The president suggested holding the mass at 5pm followed by the unified *Memorial* on the 19th. Vice Mayor Kevin Delgado suggested incorporating Mayor Hoffman's plan of 3,000 candles that came up in the December meeting. **Vice Mayor Delgado made the motion to have the liberation mass at five pm followed by the unified Memorial ceremony on Friday, July 19 at Plaza de España or another location. On Saturday, July 20, the block party celebration begins. Sunday, July 21 is the parade and the block party will end with fireworks. Seconded by Mayor Savares. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

The president asked for approval to spend money from the Liberation account for the committee to use for any necessary funding for any preliminary work before beginning any of these activities.

Mayor Savares made the motion to spend up to \$10,000 and seconded by Mayor Rudy Paco. In discussion, Mayor Savares queried that this will include the printing of the tickets. The president stated that it cannot include the printing of the tickets. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. User Fee Discussion

The president stated that by law, Districts are not able to charge but it can be assessed. The facilities must be maintained which is why a donation is asked for. There is no unified scale. Some Districts have more facilities than others, and the usage has increased. Mayor Savares said when it went through the legislature years ago, more than half of the mayors opposed it because they wanted to have the discretion. So it never materialized. Mayor Savares offered to spearhead this. A standing committee will be created for user fees with the mayor of Dededo serving as its chair and to have some kind of synopsis of a proposed user's fee schedule for the council's deliberation by the next meeting. In order to allow time for review prior to the meeting and a more productive discussion, the president recommended sending out this proposal by email to the Body at least one week in advance.

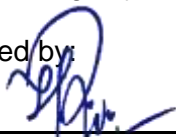
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Inachá'igen Fino' CHamoru (CHamoru Language Competition) requested monetary support for their event on March 7, 2024.
- This year's cohort of the G3 Conservation Corps, they're looking at having the village beautifications on Saturday mornings instead of Fridays to accommodate community members to help with the cleanup or with whatever service project a mayor would like. The president called for a vote with a show of hands if mayors were okay with a Saturday. There were thirteen (13) hands raised. G3 will be reaching out to them.
- The National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) Program of the Department of Labor on Guam has been extended for an additional six months. If, for any reason, you decide not to extend your worker because a project has been completed, be sure to inform your caseworker in writing.
- A number of council members showed interest in discussing funeral escorts by raising their hands. The president feels that a new proposal should be made, so he will add this item under new business on the next agenda. He requested that those interested provide him with their ideas for what should be done.
- In an effort to contact as many farmers as possible, Peter Barcinas of the University of Guam Cooperative Extension and Outreach and a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are conducting a farmer survey. They're looking not only for farmers but also for enumerators to help.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

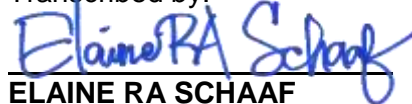
The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular [] Special

CTO 10:05am
A 12:24pm

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	<i>[Signature]</i>
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	<i>[Signature]</i>
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	<i>[Signature]</i>
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Malesso'	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagåtña	477-8045/47	<i>[Signature]</i>
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	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	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Humatak	828-2940/8258	<i>[Signature]</i>
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	<i>[Signature]</i>
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	<i>[Signature]</i>
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talo'fo'fo'	789-1421/3262/4821	<i>[Signature]</i>
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	<i>[Signature]</i>
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE
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GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.
<i>Conchita SN Tautam</i>	<i>Anten Oceania/BSP</i>	<i>483-2221</i>
<i>Matt Santos</i>	<i>BSP</i>	<i>488 3912</i>
<i>Edwin Pagan</i>	<i>BSP</i>	<i>475 8672</i>
<i>Eleanor Mesa</i>	<i>Andersen</i>	<i>315-340-2220</i>
<i>Gerald F. Toms</i>	<i>Sen San Nicolas</i>	<i>989. 4400</i>
<i>Frank SN.</i>	<i>The Guam Daily Post</i>	<i>707-5224</i>
<i>Jennifer Guaballa</i>	<i>YMD</i>	<i>482-1111</i>
<i>Robert L. Zimmerman</i>	<i>Gov off</i>	<i>685-1113</i>
<i>Harold Colon</i>	<i>FEMA Mitigation</i>	<i>202-805-6467</i>
<i>Kathy Miller-Crawley</i>	<i>FEMA IRC</i>	<i>202-674-1154</i>

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

From: BMO Admin <barrigadaoffice@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:48 PM
To: MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM
Subject: Re: SECOND NOTICE of MCOG Regular Monthly Mtg - Wed Feb 7 at 10 a.m.

Hafa Adai,

Mayor June Blas will be attending the meeting on Zoom and as per Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista he will be present at the meeting.

Thank you

Very Respectfully,

Ray J. Leon Guerrero

Administrative Assistant

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On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 6:07 AM MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM <mcogadmin@teleguam.net> wrote:



Hafa Adai and good morning Mayors and Vice Mayors,

The Mayors' Council of Guam will hold its Regular Monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Mayors' Council Conference Room, Bldg. F, 2nd floor** at the J&G Commercial Center, Hagåtña.

Attached is the DRAFT minutes from the DECEMBER Regular Monthly meeting for your review/file.

Audio of meeting: <https://mcog.guam.gov/regular-monthly-meeting>

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From: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 5:41 PM
To: Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin.
Subject: Fwd: MCOG Meeting

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From: June Blas <mayorbarrigada@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 6, 2024, 3:45 PM
Subject: MCOG Meeting
To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>

Hafa Adai Mayor Louise,

Please be advised I will be attending our MCOG meeting tomorrow via zoom.

Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista will be present at the meeting.

Thank You. Have a Great Day.

Mayor June Blas

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

From: Kevin Delgado <mangilao.vicemayor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera; MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM
Subject: Zoom Attendance

Good morning, Madam Secretary,

I would like to attend the meeting via Zoom today.

Thank you.

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KEVIN AN DELGADO,
Vice Mayor
Municipality of Mangilao
Community of Education, Culture, and Sports
734-2163 / 734-5731

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From: Angelica Jamanila <angjamanila@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:48 AM
To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera; MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM; Mayor Paul M. McDonald; Genedine C. Reyes; Angelica Jamanila-Gumataotao
Subject: Request for Zoom Meeting WED. 02/07/24

Hafa Adai Mayor Rivera,

This is to request for Mayor McDonald to attend the MCOG Regular Monthly Meeting for today, WED. 02/07/24 via Zoom.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Thank you,
ANGELICA N.G. JAMANILA-GUMATAOTAO, *Municipal Clerk*
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From: Jessy Gogue <ocp.mayor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:55 AM
To: Mayor Louise C. Rivera
Cc: MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM
Subject: Re: SECOND NOTICE of MCOG Regular Monthly Mtg - Wed Feb 7 at 10 a.m.

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I will attend this meeting via Zoom. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mayor Gogue

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Attached are the Oct/Nov Treasurer's Report for the Revolving Fund and Guam Island Fair.

Pls send an official notice to Executive Secretary, Mayor Louise Rivera of your intent to attend virtually.