



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
Mayors' Council Conference Room  
Hagåtña, Guam

### MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Ernest	Mayor	Merizo
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
* DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, JESSY C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LUJAN, Doris F.	Mayor	Inarajan
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor	Yigo
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
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
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofoto
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
○ ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
** BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
○ BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
** BLAS, Jessie M.	Mayor	Yona
○ FEJERAN, Christopher	Vice Mayor	Agat
○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
○ SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
○ SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
○ SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat

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

**Sixteen (16) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Angel R. Sablan  
JoAnn A. Charfauros

Executive Director  
Alternate Secretary

**III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

**IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT** Minutes of April 5, 2017 – **Mayor Jesse Gogue made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Jesse Gogue made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting May 17, 2017**

- a. Thomas Stambaugh, Corps Officer, Salvation Army – Mobile Case Management
- b. Celia Craft, Archaeologist, Garcia & Associates  
Collect Historical Information on Villages in Central Guam
- c. Sabina Perez, Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian Impact of Natural and Cultural Resources due to planned Live-Fire Training Range (LFTRC)
- d. Elicia Santo Tomas, Operations Manager, P.D. Hemlani Foundation, LTD  
Community Development Projects
- e. Joey and Loling Cepeda, House of Chamorros (HOC) are here on island for a short time only. We have already had Judy Flores, representing her daughter, gave us the presentation on HOC. Some mayors have already donated or pledged to support. Their request is to ask more mayors to support and to thank those that have already donated.

**Mayor Jessy Gogue moved to approve the request for audience as listed on the agenda in the order listed and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**2. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. **MANDANA DRUG TASK FORCE** – This morning we are supposed to have the Mandana Drug Task Force to make a presentation simply because of the timing of events on what is going on. They asked for at least five minutes but because of what happened very recently, they are busy making their reports for the AG's office they were not able to make it this morning so they asked to make some time available. Mayor Savares said that since ED was talking about the Mandana and the police, I guess we received a letter on their Static Display since you mentioned GPD. President McDonald indicated that GPD has again requested assistance in providing support for the display they have once a year for the students so that if you can assist them with the canopies and chairs. President McDonald have already spoke to ED about providing the refreshments from the President's contingencies, so we are going to take care of that refreshments. So we are asking you now if you could provide the canopies and chairs if you can. So if you can provide assistance, please call the contact person. Date is on May 18 at the Farmers Co-Op.

b. **GUAM MICRONESIA ISLAND FAIR** – ED expressed receiving a call from Mr. Bill McDonald that the Fair started this week and plan to have a Petting Zoo put together so if you have any animals, bring them down to Paseo for Friday, Saturday and Sunday for display for the children. Prizes would be given. They are still trying to figure out what kind of prizes for the biggest ayuyu, the heaviest pig and things like that; but if you do have animals or anyone in your community is interested, bring them to the Fair. It is only for this weekend.

For more information and those interested could call Bill McDonald at 488-0077 or contact him at Bureau of Plans and Statistics.

c. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Speaker BJ Cruz had emailed the ED if we can make a testimony on a bill for climate change and island sustainability. They are trying to merge under one plan the UOG Sea Land Program and come together with the MCOG. They will fund it and maybe some of the mayors can show them the areas that are affected by climate change. A hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. this afternoon at the Congress Building. Coastal villages were asked to attend.

d. **RADM CHATFIELD LUNCHEON** – Tomorrow is the luncheon with the Admiral from 11:00 to 1:00 at her residence on Flag Circle, Nimitz. Those that have already RSVP, please ensure you attend.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Mayor Hoffman announced that you have in those brown envelopes two copies of your official photo, ten copies of the inauguration booklets and the DVD of all the photographs so please don't lay it around it might be damaged. There were four different photographers. Unfortunately because you have 1A, 1B, 1C, when they put together according to the number of series it's hard to sort out. It's all there, the mass, the inauguration in the mid part; there tons of pictures; there are about 3,000 some photos. Your photos are behind the letter that I wrote. The photo I got just got released last week. They weren't sure if they got paid or not. They got paid on January 27<sup>th</sup> but they couldn't verify it because their accounting is not there and Bob left and his daughter won't release it. She said I can't release it unless we got paid. Mayor Matanane wanted to say something and thank Mayor Hofmann. He further stated that we are all busy in what we do in our village and for him to take the time; I want to thank you for helping us out with something like this. President McDonald commented "good job." Mayor Hofmann also stated that the Council has the digital official photo.

b. ED announced the MCOG Website would be launched on May 28 so all these official photos will be put up on there. If you go on there right now it's going to say, "Pardon our Progress."

c. ED stated that the only thing going on right now is the NAF audit on Liberation Day festivities and the information will go up.

d. Mayor Jessy Gogue queried on the status of the Revolving Recycling Fund. ED the latest news received was that the senator's office is still working on the bill.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **MCOG ANNIVERSARY** – Mayor Savares announced that arrangements were made for mass, we are just getting several dates set and then after that we are working with the Governor's Protocol to do a Proclamation so they are getting more information for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mayor Savares asked both Mayor Louise Rivera and Mayor June Blas if they wanted to assist and they said yes. President asked Council members to contact Mayor Savares if they wanted to assist.

**2. MCOG RESOLUTION** – Mayor June Blas stated that there is a bill coming up again for Barrigada other than Bill 62. On Bill 74, she drafted a resolution. This is actually Parks and Recreation. It is actually a memorial site where the people of Barrigada and Central actually

worked hard to get the runway site. Mayor Blas wanted to see if the Council can support her and place this site under the jurisdiction of the Mayor's office, the Municipal Planning Council and to partner with an organization, a nonprofit group and to renovate this site. There is a cave in there, so she did more research. Mayor Blas and the National Weather Service went in there already. Because Parks and Recreation is not doing anything about it, mayor felt that something should be done and have it memorialized for the people of Barrigada and those that were affected by the Japanese. **Mayor Ernest Chargualaf made a motion to approve and support Mayor Blas' resolution and seconded by Mayor Ungacta.** In discussion, Mayor Gogue stated that as he read through the resolution he noticed a couple of corrections that needed to be annotated prior to approval, i.e., Line 4 - pre-Latter should be Pre-Latte and Line 5 - Slave not Clave. Mayor Gogue further stated that in addition to the fact that the efforts of the people of Barrigada, he would like to take note that laborers throughout the island that was assigned on the construction Tiyan airport. As a matter of fact when I got into office I got written testimonies from the people of Sinajana working on the airfield; in fact my grandmother was actually killed on that runway during the construction. Yes this is loyal but anybody that's affiliated with the construction of the airport. President McDonald asked Mayor Blas if she can amend the bill to include the people of Guam because his mother is still a living and was one of the people working there. Mayor Gogue said that that it was a massive effort throughout the island; they started when they surrendered that site to build the airport on. They reached out to all the commissioners at that time and they said they would provide whatever men they had and put them on a trucks and take them to work. There were a lot of people who died there. He further stated that the importance of this site and to memorialize the site. Mayor Savares suggested corrections be made to the resolution before it goes in. **No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**3. GUAM TO GUAHAN** – Mayor Matanane said that there were some discussions about Guam being changed to Guahan and it's not official yet. We are the representatives of all 19 villages and don't want the people saying that we are not doing anything about it when it's our job or our responsibility to do something to safeguard Guam's name. Mayor asked if the Council could come up with a resolution or something not to change Guam's name. President McDonald suggested that maybe we should ask the University of Guam to do a research and maybe bring it up to a senator to put it in a bill, prepare a referendum and have a public hearing.

**4. AMIM** - Mayor Matanane said he heard that the mayors are trying to unify the Northern Marianas; we have spoken about that; we have mentioned that at our AMIM meetings and we should move forward and do this and the reason why they don't want to move this because they say that Guam is bigger and that Guam will be the capital. What happened to them when they unify? How come Saipan is the capital? President McDonald asked if it could be referred to the AMIM. Mayor Savares stated that this was actually why he went before the committee and met with Ed Alvarez, of the Decolonization. I actually went before the Decolonization Committee because of our resolutions. During AMIM time, every year that we meet, we also send in a resolution to the Governor's office, to all our islands, as well as the legislature. We do this every year that we meet. Resolutions go in annually after our general assembly. But they wanted to hear it from us. So of course I present it, I agreed with the unification. It's not re-unification. It's the unification because our islands are divided. CNMI is a common wealth and Guam of course we are under a territory of the United States. We have different

government. Of course we talk about it. The resistance we have been getting is through the legislative body. And you know the senators that are there, they say oh you want us get together with them? They have their, APIL, Association of Island Legislature. Their organization meet with the way we meet with ours. It may not be to unify our government because just by looking at their reactions or your facial expressions, you don't agree with that. But unify us as a people and a group of islands. One Marianas. You know you go to the Philippines; you have mountains of islands with many different dialogues. You go to other Caribbean; you go other places that have many islands and different cultures. You come to the Marianas and we all come from Guam all the way to. We all speak Chamorro; some speak some chat, some speak normally. Normal is whatever you hear; whatever you are used to hearing. But our culture is still the same. The language is still the same and we hear this every time we get together for general assembly, whether it be committee meetings with our brothers and sisters in CNMI who are leadership roles as far as the elected council members and their four mayors that they have over there. Why Saipan? I don't know, is Saipan the capital? Mayor Mantanane replied that's what they are saying. I don't think Saipan is the capital island. Even at that as one government the question came up will be where will the capital be. It doesn't have to be Guam. The Hawaiian Islands are unified, their government, the capital island is Oahu not the big island. So we could let Goat Island be the capital and develop it there. Those are different choices. This has to go before Congress and the Senate before it's accepted but more so I don't think we could see our legislative bodies, on both sides will accept it. That means we'll have one governor. I don't think Governor Torres and Governor Calve will want to flip the coin to see which islands. But we as leaders at municipal level have to accept this. Our agreements on our by-laws and our constitution say every two years we alternate the leadership. Two years someone on Guam would be the President and then CNMI will be the Vice President. The next election will be CNMI would be the President because that is how we develop our organization. So we continue the dialogue because this is what we want to hear. The place that we are going get this is we are the municipal leaders. They are not going to get this from our legislative bodies on both ends, they are not going to get it on the executive level but we need to keep our culture. Guam is missing something here because of the multi-ethnic groups that have chose to moved and migrate to Guam. We need to keep our culture preserved by doing that; continue to have this dialogue, continue to work with the University of Guam with Pa'A Tataotao Tano to enhance what we have as far as our culture. We don't have to be places like China and Japan that lost it. Mayor Chargualaf stated that you guys remember that as AMIM all the things we discussed are merely suggestions and recommendations. When we were in Rota everything we suggested or recommended that the Governor, the legislature both in Guam and CNMI because we are merely suggesting or recommending but the final say so lies within the legislature; some needs statutory changes and the governor to ratify our recommendation. One issue that I haven't seen results during AMIM, Jess, you were there in Rota about the mixing of the international versus island hopper and what was recommended then, I don't know if it's dead in the water. What was recommended then was for try to get the old terminal to be a commuter or inter-island travel so that we don't mingle and mix up with the international travelers. Where are we at that point at that situation? What I got back then was FAA because of some safety standard or whatever; that was what the hold up was; I don't know how true that was. Mayor Savares replied that those resolutions have gone through, there has been some changes on that where the smaller planes, the commuter planes were moved over to the old cargo building where now they have the Star Marianas and Artic Air. Those are where the charter flights are at going to the islands. The reason why Cape Air because they are affiliated with United was not able this is the information coming from GIAA. The reason why they cannot move the Cape Air Mayor is because they have patients coming from the Philippines, the mainland that are stretcher patients and if you have stretcher patients its hard take them up on to the tar mat

especially like I said stretcher patients are on a Gurnee or wheel chair out that's a distance and they don't have that WIKI trolley or what its called in other places to transport those patients to the commuter planes. The two planes that are there do not take stretcher patients. Its only Cape Air that takes stretcher patients. Now if it needs they have to retrofit themselves to provide for those enmities, then we can ask those airlines. It's only one airline, its only United. We got to start somewhere because if we recommend something and it's dead in the water then let's not submit it at all. If we are not going to pursue it all that discussion is dead in the water. Like I said if you are going there, you better be there two hours in advance. Then coming in again, from International or Philippines you meet up with visitors from China and Japan in the customs area; you continue to go out in the customs area; you guys seen that when we go into the airport, and if you go into island hopping you don't have to mingle with those passengers from International. Mayor if you use Star Marianas you don't have to go to the main terminal. The only reason why we went to the main terminal is because we use Cape Air.

## **X COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Boards and Commissions** – Mayor Gogue reported that he received an email from Tricee Limtiaco she was special assistant to the Governor and now she has moved over to GPA and is now the Assistant General Manager for Administration. If you recall eight years ago, one of the things that we worked on was a monthly summary from GWA of outstanding water leaks so we can reconcile. Take a look at the report and make sure that it gets on the monthly report. At GPA nobody know or where to go on how to generate a summary report on a monthly basis for all the outstanding street light repairs, all outstanding tree trimming requests, etc. So I mentioned that to Tricee and in her reply she said she would work on that and she understands the importance of that tool. So hopefully within a month we get all these monthly reports. Mayor Gogue is still working on the asphalt repairs.

2. **MCOG Standing Committees** – No reports.

## **LIBERATION FESTIVITIES**

➤ **CARNIVAL** – Mayor Robert Hofmann and Heidi Ballendorf are getting all the particulars. Carnival is scheduled to open from June 2 to July 23 and may be extended until August 8 or 9. Hope to have fireworks on July 4 and 21 at 9 p.m. Carnival grounds are going to be down at the Paseo.

➤ **RAFFLE TICKETS** – Tickets will be done later today.

➤ **MEMORIALS** – Mayor Hofmann needed a calendar for Memorials. ED reported that what they plan to do this year with the Memorials is to put that fund under the Queen's Committee.

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC** – **Chairman Mayor Rudy Matanane/Co-chair Mayor Allan Ungacta.** Mayor Matanane reported the date to be Saturday, November 4 at Port Beach in Piti and that he would send out the menu sometime this week.

**MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – No report.

## XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ED reminded that there are two public hearings today on Bill 80-34 on climate change and tomorrow on Mayor Blas bills to transfer portions of Tiyan under her jurisdiction; actually there are two bills one to transfer the football and baseball fields and parts of Tiyan carnival grounds and the one she mentioned today and the Admiral's luncheon tomorrow at 11 o'clock and Bill 1 on Friday.
- Today's luncheon hosted by ***Barrigada Mayor's Office***

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dale Alvarez motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague.

*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Attested by:

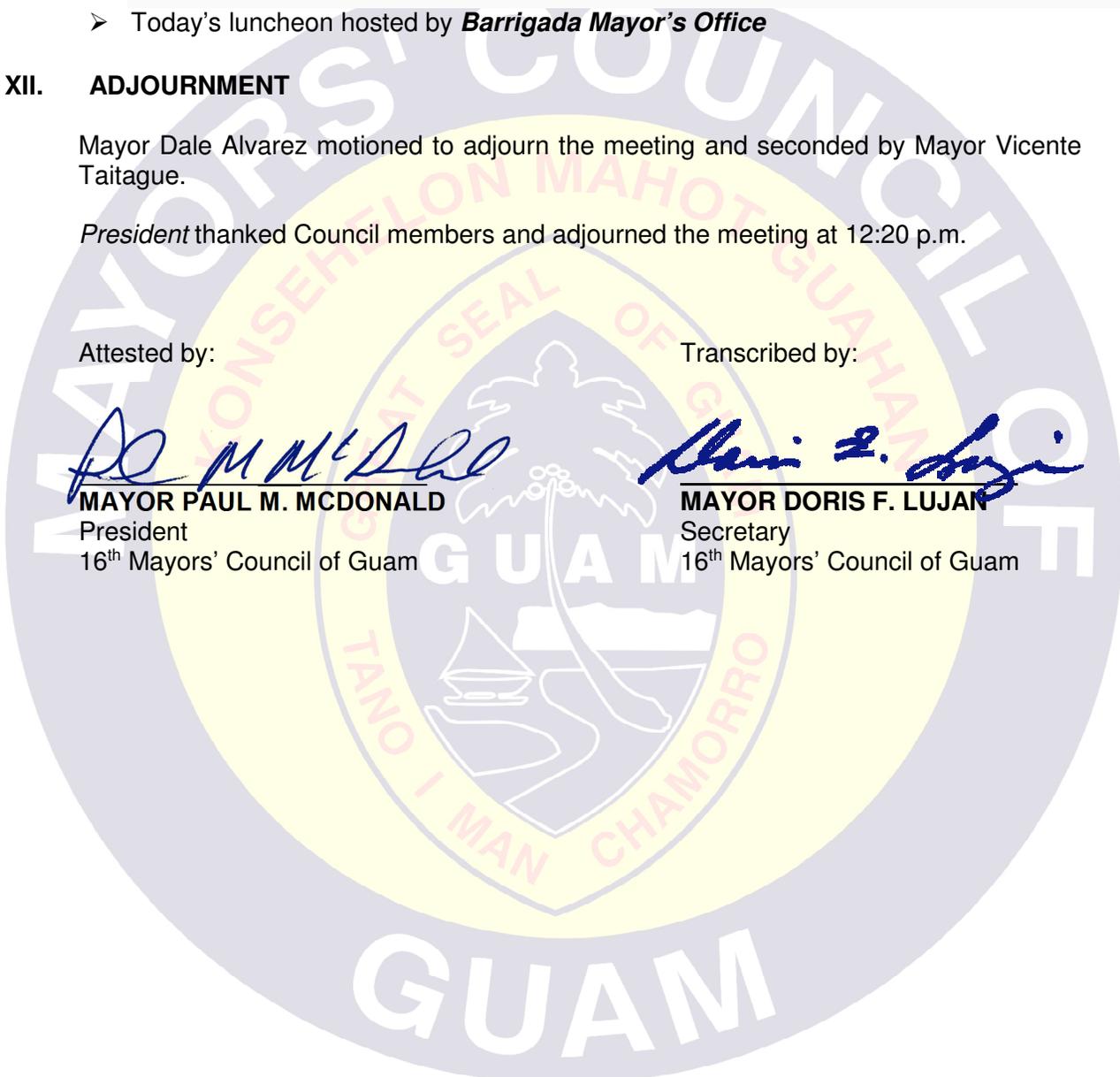
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President  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam



**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Secretary  
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# ATTENDANCE SHEET

CRD: 10:45  
Adj: 12:20p

Date: 5/3/17 Time: 10 a.m.  
 Type of Meeting: [  ] Regular [  ] Special [  ] Officers

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

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