



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 07, 2026
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale C. P.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
ARROYO, Richard B.	Mayor	Agana Heights
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Mayor	Dededo
○ BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, PEDRO	Vice Mayor	Yigo
CHAMPACO, Franklin J. Q.	Mayor	Malesso'
* CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inaláhan
○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
* GUMATAOTAO, Michael T.	Mayor	Hagåtña
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LEON GUERRERO, Ann S. SA	Vice Mayor	Dededo
✓ LIZAMA, Frances S.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
○ QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humatak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANTOS, Wayne SN	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordod
○ SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TERLAJE, Brian J.	Mayor	Yoña
○ TOSCO, Edward J. D.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
* UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

○ = ABSENT * = LATE ** = OFF ISLAND R = REPRESENTATIVE V = VIRTUAL
Sixteen (16) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

IV.	GUEST SPEAKERS
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deep Sea Mining - Former Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero and Emily Wood of the University of Guam spoke about the Government of Guam's position on Deep Sea Mining, and the environmental, economic, and cultural concerns. The deadline for comment is on January 12, 2026. Resolution 26-01 was introduced and co-sponsored by all council members which formally opposed deep sea mining. 2. National Health Interview Survey Update - Dr. Yvette Paulino of the University of Guam talked about the Progress Report on survey data collection and stakeholder engagement. Dr. Paulino requested Mayoral support letters and assistance with Distribution. 3. Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign - Ms. Leilani Naholowaa with the Catholic Social Services spoke about the launch of the "Light up Against Domestic Violence" campaign. Ms. Naholowaa requested the Districts become distribution sites for the purple light bulbs. Campaign launch is set for January 31, 2026. 4. Seafarers International Union - Mr. Duane Akers spoke about the requirements and benefits of the Maritime Career Program for residents. He asked the council to share the information to their constituents. 5. Clutch Guam Sports Program - Mr. Dominic Sablan spoke about the Creative Sports Initiative, a grant funded program that will support summer sports leagues with an educational component. He requested assistance in outreach and facility access.
V.	APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES – Mayor Ungacta motioned to approve the December Minutes, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bautista. Motion carries.
VI.	APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Taitague motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Seconded by Mayor Hofmann. Motion carries.
VII.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – <i>Joy Jean R. Arceo</i>
	<p>Executive Director Arceo reported that a Computer Technician was recently hired to support automation initiatives. The residential verification system is advancing, with the bid for automated management system in phase two.</p> <p>EPA recycling funds have been extended through March 2026, allowing settlement of invoices and procurement for green waste and metal disposal. Efforts to expedite procurement for these services are underway.</p> <p>CDLO Grant-The Council is being considered for a community defense liaison grant, with pending questions about reimbursement awaiting response.</p> <p>Senior Center Operations (SCO)-An MOU was signed, however amendments and a meeting with the Department of Public Health Agency is pending.</p>

	Vendor payment delays have affected response rates, improving timely payments to vendors is a priority.
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VIII.	COMMITTEE REPORTS
	Standing Committees
	<p>Committee on Decolonization- Vice Mayor Blas reported that there will be a Decolonization Exhibit at the Guam Museum. Mayors are encouraged to contribute historical memorabilia related to political figures and urged to inform their communities about the exhibit. The exhibit aims to increase public awareness and understanding of Guam’s decolonization history.</p> <p>Village Festivities-The master calendar for village fiestas, fairs, and festivals was introduced by Mayor Hofmann to help plan and coordinate major community events. The importance of early and accurate planning was emphasized to avoid scheduling conflict, particularly with village festivals and larger island events. The “Keeping Tradition Alive” program, which offers financial support for both major and minor village events was also highlighted as a resource.</p> <p>DOE Facility usage was brought to the Council’s attention by Mayor Terlaje. Council discussed unused facilities within villages, and highlighted the need for update board policies to facilitate their community use. With a new superintendent in transition, members were advised that requests and issues regarding DOE facilities should be directed through the DOE operations division until new policies are finalized. The importance of ongoing communication and coordination with DOE leadership was emphasized.</p> <p>Mayor Terlaje spoke on the AmeriCorps Program-The council discussed the AmeriCorps program and recognized the need to appoint a representative to oversee and manage AmeriCorps related activities.</p> <p>Mayor Hofmann reported on the Christmas Committee, and the success of the event. He noted that there is a remaining balance of \$1,340. A motion was made by Mayor Arroyo to spend the remaining balance (\$1,340) to recognize committee members for their efforts and to support planning for next year’s Christmas party, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Bautista. Motion carries.</p> <p>AMIM Student Exchange Program was brought to the Council’s attention by Mayor Alig. He informed the Council that there is no time for an essay competition, Districts will have to pay for the expense of the trip. He anticipates that each participant will cost about \$1,000, and if each Mayor has the capacity to use their appropriated funds. A total of 8 students from Guam will be able to attend. A motion was made by Mayor Terlaje that the students be chosen on a volunteer basis, second by Mayor Benavente.</p>

	Yona, Dededo, Hagat, CPO, and Malessio volunteered. Mayor Alig clarified that the student has to be in High School.
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IX.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A.	<p>Mayor Alig announced that the Executive Director already reported on item A. and B. under Unfinished Business.</p> <p>Liberation Parade/Carnival-The council discussed plans for the upcoming liberation parade and carnival including a proposal to expand judging criteria to include men alongside women. It was suggested to postpone the vote on this change until the next meeting to allow for thorough consideration. The importance of proper planning, coordination, and ensuring council representation in parade and carnival committees was emphasized to better align these events with village interest.</p>
X.	NEW BUSINESS

XI.	ANNOUNCEMENTS
	<p>Softball League-The Council discussed the participation of the Mayors' Council employees in the upcoming Government of Guam softball league. A motion was made by Mayor Hofmann, second by Mayor Benavente and approved to sponsor the council's softball team, with funding not to exceed \$1,000, supporting league fees and team needs.</p> <p>Mayor Rivera announced that the District of Tamuning is looking for groups, associations, or vendors to participate at the 14th Annual Latte Peace Festival.</p> <p>Mayor Champaco announced the need for sports organizations for the Crab Festival to participate in the 50/50 fundraiser.</p>

XII.	ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.
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Attested by:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
 Council Executive Secretary
 18th Mayors' Council of Guam

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