



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:02 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'
V CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
○ 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	Humåtak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANTOS, Wayne SN	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
○ SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
* TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TERLAJE, Brian J.	Mayor	Yaña
○ 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

Nineteen (15) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

IV. 001-25	GUEST SPEAKERS – Honorable Presiding Judge Arthur R. Barcinas Juvenile Probation to address Mental Health Community Response represented by Rossana Villagomez Aguon, Mark Mitsuyasu and Felix S. Reyes Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, Christine C. Fejeran, Forestry Division Chief – Guam Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry & Soil Resources Division, Dr. Mariana Turner, Territorial Veterinarian – Guam Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division
A.	Honorable Judge Barcinas was unable to attend due to his court calendar for this day. Mrs. Rosanna Villagomez Aguon, Chief Probation Officer at the Judiciary of Guam presents the discussion on Survey Responses and Community Engagement on behalf of Honorable Judge Barcinas. Judge Barcinas wanted to address the juvenile justice system and family engagement committee. The committee aims to inventory community resources, identify gaps, and augment family engagement in court proceedings. A survey was sent to various stakeholders, including mayors, to gather information on available services and programs. Rosanna Villagomez Aguon announces there were only five responses from the Mayors. Rosanna Villagomez mentions that some new mayors have responded, but many have not. Mayor Hofmann inquires about the five villages that responded to the survey. Rosanna Villagomez lists the villages: Sinajana, Piti, Hagatna, Chalan Pago-Ordot, and Barrigada. The President and Rosanna Villagomez discuss the importance of filling out the survey and the benefits of community engagement.
B.	The President introduces Felix Reyes from the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.
	Felix Reyes introduces Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu, who will explain the council's activities. Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu provides an overview of the council's jurisdiction, purpose, and primary activities. The council receives funding to support projects related to climate change and fishery management. Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu discusses four projects the council is kicking off, including scenario planning, regulatory review, protected species interactions, and community engagement. The council plans to engage with local communities to understand the impacts of climate change on fisheries. Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu mentions upcoming meetings in various locations to gather community input. Contact information for the council and staff is provided, and Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu invites questions.
	The President recognizes Executive Director Joy Jean, who asks about assistance for reviving Pago Bay for fishing.
	Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu explains the council's focus on military impacts and development on offshore fisheries and local community initiatives.
	Executive Director Joy Jean inquires about available grants for community initiatives.

	Mr. Mark Mitsuyasu mentions various opportunities and the importance of aligning with the council's priorities.
C.	The President introduces Christine Fejeran, the Forestry Division Chief for the Guam Department of Agriculture.
	Christine Fejeran introduces her team and their roles in urban and community forestry, landscape-scale restoration, and fire management. Christine Fejeran emphasizes the importance of community engagement and collaboration in forestry efforts. The team has implemented various programs and initiatives to address forest health, fire prevention, and community outreach. Christine Fejeran highlights the importance of tree cutting permits and proper tree maintenance.
	Mayor Louise inquires about the schedule for trimming shrubs along Route1.
	Christine Fejeran suggests coordinating inspections and tree work to ensure efficient and effective maintenance.
	Executive Director Joy Jean asks about mitigating tree roots damaging roads, and Christine Fejeran explains the importance of proper tree pruning.
D.	Dr. Turner introduces herself and discusses the stray dog issue in Guam.
	The initial survey in 2014 estimated 24,000 free-roaming dogs and the current survey is pending. Dr. Turner emphasizes the need for collaboration between animal control officers and village staff to address the issue. A training session on handling free-roaming dogs safely and humanely is scheduled for March 10.
	Bill Bennett presents on the history and benefits of the village baseball program. GABA has been organizing various baseball and softball programs for youth and adults. The pilot program in July was successful, and the program aims to bring back adult baseball to Paseo Stadium. The President and the mayors discuss the importance of organizing teams and finding coaches for the league.

V. 002-25	APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES – Motion made by Mayor Taitague. Seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. Motion carries, with no discussion.
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VI. 003-25	APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – A motion to approve the treasurer's report is made. Moved by Mayor Champaco and seconded by Mayor Peter J. Benavente, with no discussion.
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VII. 004-25	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joy Jean R. Arceo
A.	The Executive Director announced that the day to day operations training held on February 12 and 13, 2025 was a success and notified that the meeting originally scheduled for February 20, 2025 is now scheduled for March 13, 2025 that will cover the remaining villages who have not been trained.

B.	The Executive Director announced an email was sent out on February 10, 2025 requesting submission of the annual average expense budget submission and thanks the villages who have submitted their report.
C.	The Executive Director announced that the procurement method for invitation for bid regarding the recycling revolving fund program has been identified. The abandoned vehicle has been packaged and the planning/drafting phase is ready for signature and once completed will be sent to the Attorney General's office for review.
	The executive director reports on the status of the supplemental budget and the need for accurate financial information.
	The President mentions the submission due date of March 27 from the Mayor's Council and the need for averages to develop the budget. Mayor Quinata raises concerns about running out of fuel for village operations, particularly for grass cutting.
	Executive Director Joy Jean emphasizes the importance of having sufficient funding before signing off on expenditures.

VIII. 005-25	COMMITTEE REPORTS
A.	Boards and Commissions –The President moves on to committee reports, starting with the Commission on Decolonization, which has no report at this time.
1. (a)	Mayor Louise Rivera discusses the need to convert Chief Brodie Memorial School to a middle school, citing a board meeting where the conversion was approved. Mayor Louise highlights the long-standing need for a middle school in the area and the board's approval of the redistricting and conversion.
(b)	The President announces a motion to support the conversion, A motion was made by Mayor Rivera which is seconded by the Vice Mayor Albert Toves. Mayor Peter Benavente agrees to bring up the situation in the next meeting with the board for more details.
	Mayor Terlaje raises concerns about the no credit policy and technical absence policy in high schools, which teachers find frustrating and asks Mayor Benavente to bring it up to the Education policy board.
	Mayor Alvarez suggests investing in security cameras for schools, citing a recent incident at Truman Elementary.
	The President acknowledges the need for a solution to the grass cutting issue and mentions a 90-day emergency procurement for grass cutting.
	Mayor Hofmann emphasizes the importance of responding to the park conditions survey to help improve park facilities.
	The President asks for updates from the Guam Regional Transit Authority and GVB, but no reports are provided. Mayor Hofmann mentions the park conditions survey and the importance of responding to it to help improve park facilities. The President emphasizes the need for villages to respond to the survey to help create a data set for improving park conditions.

	Mayor Hofmann highlights the need for better maintenance and cleaning of parks and facilities.
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IX. 006-25	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A.	The President discusses the legal requirements for conducting funeral escorts, including the need for authorization from the chief of police. The President informs the council that the Mayor's Council will not be coordinating funeral escorts due to legal and training issues.
B.	The President moves on to the MCOG budget, emphasizing the need for averages for fiscal 26 and the inclusion of feral pig management in the budget. The President mentions the need to adjust staffing patterns and salaries within offices and the central office.
C.	The President discusses the Liberation Day Queen Coronation, mentioning the need for a thorough explanation of the new requirements. The President emphasizes the importance of not printing tickets and allowing candidates to fundraise for their participation. The President calls for a decision on the final draft of the new rules and regulations by the April meeting. The President mentions the need for every mayor and vice mayor to receive a copy of the final draft for review.
D.	The President calls for a report on the 31st AMIM General Assembly, emphasizing the need for productive participation. The President mentions the upcoming exchange in May and the need to develop criteria for selecting students from Guam.
X. 007-25	NEW BUSINESS
A.	The President discusses the user fee schedule, mentioning the need for a public process and legislative ratification. The President calls for input and recommendations on the user fee schedule, emphasizing the importance of charging mechanisms for facility usage.

XI. 008-25	ANNOUNCEMENTS
	Mayor Louise reads a letter from the President of AMIM inviting participation in newly established committees. The letter outlines the four committees: Social Cultural Development, Environmental and Natural Resources, Economic Development, and Governmental Affairs.

XII. 009-25	ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.
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Attested by:



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

Transcribed by:



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