



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 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
V BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, PEDRO	Vice Mayor	Yigo
CHAMPACO, Franklin J. Q.	Mayor	Malesso'
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
V GUMATAOTAO, Michael T.	Mayor	Hagåtña
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LEON GUERRERO, Ann S. SA	Vice Mayor	Dededo
V 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
O TOSCO, Edward J. D.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
O UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

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

Twenty-one (21) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

IV. 001-25	GUEST SPEAKERS –
B.	Mayor Alig introduces the first guest speaker; Jessica Rosales from Guam Cancer Care introduces the organization and it's services, including patient navigation, transportation, and supplemental supplies. Guam Cancer Care has a cancer screening program and prevention program, and launched the "Join the Fight Pledge" to fight cancer. Mayors present were encouraged to sign the pledge and take a group photo with their certificates. Guam Cancer Care also provided pamphlets and posters for mayors to take back to their communities.
C.	Doris Aguon from the Serve Guam Commission introduces herself and the commission's role in overseeing AmeriCorps programs. The commission has two AmeriCorps programs: one at the University of Guam and one at the Guahan Academy Charter School. Doris provides a packet with brochures, performance measures, and prohibitive activities for the AmeriCorps programs. The commission has an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mayor's Council, and is open to creating new Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) with individual mayors. Mayors are encouraged to engage with the AmeriCorps programs for volunteer activities, tutoring, and disaster preparedness.
D.	Tanisha Aflague from the Guam SNAP-Ed program provides an overview of the program and its goals. The program is funded by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services and aims to provide nutrition education and healthy lifestyle education. The program has been active since 2014 and addresses various levels of the social ecological model, including individual, family, community, and policy. The program has a curriculum called "Food Smarts" and provides direct education to seniors at senior centers. The program also conducts store tours to help seniors navigate grocery stores and make healthier food choices. Tanisha Aflague mentions the need for the leadership of the mayor and the mayor's offices to coordinate transportation for the Seniors. Mayor Alig recognizes her concerns and informs Tanisha Aflague that the Executive Director and Senior Center Operations (SCO) will assist in coordinating the tours.
V. 002-25	APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES – Motion to approve the meeting minutes by the Mayor of Talo'fo'fo', Vicente Taitague and a second motion by the Vice Mayor of Barrigada, Jessie Bautista.
VI. 003-25	APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by the Vice Mayor of Barrigada, Jessie Bautista and a second by the Mayor of Sinajana, Robert Hofmann.

VII. 004-25	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – <i>Joy Jean R. Arceo</i>
	Executive Director, Joy Jean Arceo opens her report informing the Mayors and Vice Mayors an update on the Abandoned Vehicles and Disposal is in Phase II that has been advertised in the Guam Daily Post and is available on the MCOG website for interested bidders to review.
	Secondly, the Executive Director Joy Jean Arceo anticipates reaching Phase III of the bid process for the Disposal of White Goods and Electronics by Friday, June 6, 2025 and the Mayors' Council of Guam is scheduled to open the BID at 10:00 a.m. that same day.
	The Executive Director Joy Jean Arceo previously mentioned in the last monthly meeting, the FEMA Public Assistance Projects related to Typhoon Mawar will need to be processed through the Department of Administration, according the Director Edward Birn. There are currently no updates to the process of moving forward with these projects. And their status remains the same.
	The Executive Director Joy Jean Arceo respectfully asks the Council's approval for the creation of a new Systems Support Administrator position, subject to the council's approval. The Executive Director will commence the recruitment process for this role.
	Mayor Alig asks the body if there is any opposition to the creation of a new Systems Support Administrator position, no opposition was made. The President informs the Executive Director to move forward.

VIII. 005-25	COMMITTEE REPORTS
A.	Boards and Commissions –
	Mayor BJ reports on the Commission on Decolonization and the Fanhita Conference, highlighting positive feedback and ongoing discussions on the plebiscite and decolonization exhibit proposal. Mayor Alig calls for the vote to see if the council prefers to hear from the Commission on Decolonization or the task forces. A total of 8 voted to hear from the task force. Mayor Alig requests Mayor BJ to check when the task force is available to meet with the Mayors and Vice Mayors for the next upcoming meeting.
	Mayor Kevin reports on the Council on Arts and Humanities, noting an upcoming meeting next week.
	Mayor Alig mentions the Guam System of Care Council has not met but Mayor Arroyo will be informed.
	Mayor Hoffman discusses the GVB's efforts in re-routing funds for infrastructure and events, and the importance of promoting village attractions. Mayor Hofmann mentions the hot bond packages being put together and reviewing each request. Mayor Chargualaf asks Mayor Hofmann being the rep for GVB and to speak out and help support the outer villages.

	Mayor Salas updates the council regarding the Veterans Affairs program, including a recent memorial ceremony for veterans and thanked his colleagues for their attendance.
	Mayor Alig updates the council regarding the AMIM agreement for students from Guam will go to Rota in August from the 18 th to the 22 nd /23 rd , and will get in touch with the student winners as soon as we finalize the program with the Mayor of Rota Aubry Hocog. Mayor Alig informs the Mayors to mark their calendars for the Rota Sweet Potato Festival in August.

IX. 006-25	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
	Mayor Alig moves on the unfinished business starting with the 2026 Budget, and has not heard if there will be a public hearing.
	Mayor BJ provides updates on the Liberation festivities, including the Queen's Committee project and the importance of timely submission of funds and the due date is on June 15th. The Queen's Committee has six contestants from various villages, and the pageant tickets will be submitted on June 23rd. An accounting firm will be the official tabulator for the pageant to ensure accuracy and transparency. Mayor BJ emphasizes the need for proper documentation and coordination with the treasurer to ensure smooth processing of funds. The meeting concludes with a discussion on the importance of proper planning and execution for the Liberation festivities and the Queen's Committee project.
	Mayor Alig announces a change in the memorial ceremony date for the mayor of Asan-Maina to July 16 at 11am is announced. One wreath will be provided for each memorial ceremony, typically presented by the governor, speaker, and Chief Justice. Mayor Alig appreciates the flexibility in changing the date.
	Discussion on the lack of interest in organizing a carnival for the liberation celebration since January. Mayor Kevin is asked to help figure out a celebration, with options including a carnival, festival, or block party. A motion is made by the Vice Mayor of Barrigada, Jessie Bautista and seconded by the Mayor of Yoña, Brian Terlaje to support a three-day liberation event, with the event dates proposed as July 19, 20, and 21. Mayor Kevin is recommended by Mayor Chargualaf to operate the upcoming festival in a similar manner to his successful mango festival.
	Mayor Alig expresses frustration over unresolved tax issues with DRT, affecting the ability to obtain an alcohol license. The need to resolve the tax issue before proceeding with the event is emphasized. Mayor Alig mentions the difficulty in obtaining information from DRT and the impact on the event planning. The possibility of having no alcohol at the event due to the unresolved tax issue is discussed.
X. 007-25	NEW BUSINESS
	Mayor Alig proposes changes to the SOP, including a seven-day deadline for submitting invoices. The importance of accountability in submitting invoices

	to ensure vendors are paid is highlighted. A proposal to limit contracts to the current term is discussed. The need for a consequence for not submitting invoices within the specified period is emphasized.
	The need to update the SOP to reflect the new practice of submitting civil wedding money immediately is discussed. The previous practice of holding civil wedding money until the end of the month is noted. The updated SOP will require immediate submission of civil wedding money. The council is asked to review and provide feedback on the proposed changes to the SOP.

XI. 008-25	ANNOUNCEMENTS
	Mayor Alig requests the next regular meeting to be scheduled for July 9, 2025, and asks for no objections. The council agrees to the new meeting date.

XII. 009-25	ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:00 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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Private Secretary
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