



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Sinajana Senior Center
Sinajana, Guam

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Mayor Robert Hofmann called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:**

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| ALIG, Jesse L.G. | Mayor | Piti |
| ALVAREZ, Dale E. | Mayor | Santa Rita |
| BAUTISTA, Jessie P. | Vice Mayor | Barrigada |
| CHARGUALAF, Ernest T. | Mayor | Merizo |
| CRUZ, John A. | Mayor | Hagatña |
| * GOGUE, Jessy C. | Mayor | Chalan Pago-Ordot |
| HOFMANN, Robert RDC | Mayor | Sinajana |
| LUJAN, Doris F. | Mayor | Inarajan |
| MATANANE, Rudy M. | Mayor | Yigo |
| PACO, Rudy A. | Mayor | Mongmong-Toto-Maite |
| RIVERA, Louise C. | Mayor | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon |
| SALAS, Frankie A. | Mayor | Asan-Maina |
| * SAVARES, Melissa B. | Mayor | Dededo |
| SUSUICO, Kevin T. | Mayor | Agat |
| TAITAGUE, Vicente S. | Mayor | Talofof |
| UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G. | Mayor | Mangilao |
| O BENAVENTE, Frank A. | Vice Mayor | Dededo |
| O BLAS, June U. | Mayor | Barrigada |
| O DUENAS, Thomas J. | Vice Mayor | Mangilao |
| O FEJERAN, Christopher J. | Vice Mayor | Agat |
| O IRIARTE, Rudy D. | Vice Mayor | Sinajana |
| R McDONALD, Paul M. | Mayor | Agana Heights |
| R QUENGA, Bill A. | Mayor | Yona |
| R QUINATA, Johnny A. | Mayor | Umatac |
| O SANCHEZ, Anthony P. | Vice Mayor | Yigo |

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

Fourteen (14) members present at time of roll call. No quorum was established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

Executive Director stated that because of the retirement of Tamuning Vice Mayor Kenneth Santos on October 30, a quorum will now be fifteen (15) members present instead of sixteen (16).

Quorum established at 10:44 a.m.

III. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of October 2020 – **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

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

1. **Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020)**

Approved at the October Regular Monthly meeting

a. Major General Esther J.C. Aguigui, Homeland Security Advisor

ED said Karl San Nicolas from Tiny Homes Pacific would like to make a presentation about fabricated container homes fully insurable and passed by Dept. of Public Works as typhoon resistant.

Mayor Rudy Paco made the motion to accept the two presenters for the November meeting. Seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

2. **Communications**

a. **MCOG AND AMIM RESOLUTIONS** – *Vice President* called for a motion for the outgoing Council members. **Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista moved to approve resolutions for the outgoing members and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

b. **DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT** – ED announced the passing of former Tamuning Vice Mayor Nancy Toves (Leon Guerrero) and former Sinajana Vice Mayor Margaret Mendiola. **Mayor Louise Rivera made a motion to purchase wreaths for the two and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **RECYCLING REVOLVING FUNDS; ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM** – ED thanked Council members for their submission of invoices which was completed in October. ED anticipated a final tally of how much was expended, how much was being returned and the figures for how many *abandoned vehicles, tires, white goods, electronics, and green waste* collected. Any unused monies would be deobligated and given back to Guam EPA. P.L. 35-99 allocated \$1.3M from the GEPA for the MCoG and an expenditure plan needed to be submitted to the GEPA Board of Directors. ED had submitted the plan to the *board* who will be going into a board meeting on November 19. Once approved, ED expects to get it started the second week of December. Of the \$1.3M, \$300K would be used for the transporters and haulers.

VII. NEW BUSINESS -

1. FUNERAL ESCORT POLICY – ED reported a meeting held at the Sinajana Senior Center with the directors of Our Lady of Peace, Ada's Mortuary, and San Agustin's Funeral Home where they all agreed for escort charges. They would get together and come up with a proposed policy because it still has to go through the *Triple AAA* process. Hopefully by the new mayors' term in January a funeral policy would be in place where whoever needed the escort would pay the funeral home and in turn reimburse to the village that offered the escort service.

Mayor Ernest Chargualaf expressed that it should be up to the individual mayors to decide to provide the escort service because some families are dirt poor.

Mayor Jesse Gogue expressed having the individual mayors opt to waive the fee.

2. INAUGURATION PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chairman, Mayor Hofmann had disseminated a letter with three sample bios at today's meeting for those mayors and vice mayors who are continuing another term. The 17th Mayoral Inaugural Committee requested updated bios be typed and emailed. The three sample bios are the résumé format, story format, and a combination of both. Chair said they would try to do zero cost on the inauguration. Mayor Jesse Alig volunteered for photography and décor. The committee will hold a meeting at 10 a.m., Friday, November 20 at the Sinajana Senior Center. Chair welcomed Council members to join. The second process is for ED to request for election certificates from the Guam Election Commission so that Council could proceed getting the Oath of Offices done and processing paperwork for the new term. The two ideas are to be sworn in as a group all spaced out over Plaza de España or do 4 tents around the Skinner Plaza area where mayors would be called, drive up, get out of their vehicle and go under the tent to be sworn in.

3. MAYOR ERNEST CHARGUALAF RE: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FY 2021 SMB – Acting President stated that the Roberts Rules of Order required that the only person, in order to bring up a previous action had to be somebody who was in attendance for that action. Reconsideration protocol for previous action taken by the body. Motion to reconsider must be made by a member who attended the October 7 Regular Monthly meeting and seconded by a member who attended the meeting. **Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to entertain and reconsider the action of this Body in reference to the approval of the FY21 Street Maintenance and Beautification (SMB) appropriation distribution. Seconded by Mayor Kevin Susuico. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

ED stated that the member who made the motion would be given 10 minutes or yield to the presenter to provide his case and then any member would be given 2 minutes each to ask questions to the presenter provided that he yields or to support or not support the motion and after that, the presenter would be given 3 minutes to close his case and then Council members would vote.

Mayor Chargualaf had disseminated recommended replacements *option A* or *option B* for SMB. Mayor expressed that the SMB method of distribution that was voted on at the October Regular Monthly meeting should have flipped to mirror the method applied in FY 2011, giving the bulk of the funding to the Districts and less for the remainder to be prorated. Mayor said, "When the pie is big, you can have most of it. When the pie is small, share, Merizo and other small villages won't be able to operate with tiny shares of the funding and when the same funding was reduced in FY2011, there was an equal amount distributed

among villages." Mayor said he knew he was right and whether this Body agrees or who is not he would go to an oversight.

Mayor Alig expressed that he supported Mayor Chargualaf's proposal because it followed the process that was previously taken, so in FY2011 the budget was reduced and there was a percentage that was issued to all the Districts, in FY 2021 he felt it was arbitrary the way the process or the way the percentage was developed. Mayor stated, "That in future fiscal years if we encounter the same situation, we have something; a precedence that's set and we follow it."

Mayor Jessie Gogue expressed that Mayor Chargualaf's *Option A* would benefit the smaller Districts and queried how he derived the baseline of \$12,885.95.

Mayor Chargualaf explained by taking the FY21 SMB appropriation of \$281,417.06 and times it by 87% and dividing it to the 19 Districts.

Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion Mayor Chargualaf's *Option A*. Seconded by Mayor Jessie Gogue. A Roll Call vote for *Option A* of 14 yeas and 2 nays from Mayor Savares and Mayor Hofmann.

ED stated that Council is waiting for the certification of the results from the election and once that is done, Districts can resubmit and adjust their 1st quarter to the 4th quarter allotments. ED conveyed that Council is working with the Governor's Office to restore back the amounts for the SMB to the \$480K and when that happens everyone will get it.

Mayor Hofmann said, "If Dededo is taking an 80% cut and I'm only taking 30% cut, it's not equal burden, equal share, doesn't matter the size of the pie." Bigger villages obviously needed more funding because they have much more residents to take care of, compared to small villages. Mayor Hofmann said an appropriations law applied only to the particular year covered, so it does not set precedence.

No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

4. COVID-19 - *President* reported that with the mass testing that's being done, Dept. of Public Health and the Governor had asked for more outreaches, if mayors knew of high clustered areas they could identify in their communities, DPHSS is ready to come out. They have the rapid test kits which they bring the mobile lab to do the testing on site. If mayors are ready, *President* can provide Janela Carrera's contact number to schedule testings.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD – *President* reported that there are three grass cuttings contractors for the entire island that GDOE uses. They are monitoring one of them because they feel they are not meeting their needs the way they're supposed to. *President* told the Board, mayors would give minimal support when they are able to.

USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES FERAL SWINE TASK FORCE – Mayor Alig reported that the task force has not met. He has been in communications with USDA. There are no actions and no meetings.

STRAY ANIMALS ROUNDUP(SARU) – Mayor Rudy Matanane said we're at a standstill of controlling the stray dog population. The U.S. Department of the Interior rejected a proposal to use an invasive species grant to fund a \$200K plus stray dog control program. The Guam Department of Agriculture was supposed to roll out its stray dog control plan around August, using the grant funds for two years. It has compounded mayors' challenges in dealing with the stray dog population. *President* expressed that with the new administration (president-elect), efforts with Guam DoAG will reapply for the grant in the new funding cycle to buy traps, tranquilizer poles, humane traps, microchip readers, pet tag engravers and additional kennels at the Guam Animals In Need facility, among other things. Mayor Dale Alvarez said he caught six dogs and doesn't know where to put them. Mayor Louise Rivera said she had purchased traps but needed help with the roundup and some type of solution where they could tranquilize these animals. She wanted to know what is DoAG doing because they are the agency responsible. She felt bad always having to call them, they don't even respond about the dead animals and/or they say they are short with staff or vehicles.

Mayor Hofmann said he received a text from DoAG Deputy Director Adrian Cruz of a public hearing today at 9 a.m. on Bill No. 299-35, the spay/neuter, microchip bill. There are ten days to submit testimony. Mayor said a person could apply for a *Depredation Permit* to shoot wild pigs.

Mayor Gogue said the mandatory licensing of pets would not only help mayors perform their jobs but to provide a revenue stream to the local government in order to run a viable licensing program. If it can't be done by the government through *Animal Control* under DoAG then do what other jurisdictions do, contract it out. Non-profit organizations like GAIN or veterinarians', if they are willing to protect these pets and implement a program, let them step up until the local government gets a fully functioning licensing program implemented.

2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ED announced a simple ceremony Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. to present to former Vice Mayor Kenneth Santos a retirement certificate from both Tamuning Municipal Council and from the Mayors' Council.
- ED announced the presence of vice mayor-elect Peter Benavente, Jr. of Dededo.
- **Today's luncheon** hosted by **Chalan Pago-Ordot Mayor's Office**.


X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Louise Rivera motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Jessy Gogue. *President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Attested by:


MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Council Executive Secretary
16th Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:


ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m.

10:24 a.m.
A - 12:25pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Special

PLACE OF MEETING: **Sinajana Senior Center**

| MAYORS / VICE MAYORS | DISTRICT | CONTACT NOS. | SIGNATURE |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| ALIG, Jesse L.G. | Piti | 472-1232/33 | |
| ALVAREZ, Dale E. | Santa Rita | 565-2514/4337 | |
| BAUTISTA, Jessie P. | Barrigada | 734-3859/25/34/36 | |
| BENAVENTE, Frank A. | Dededo | 632-5203/5019-637-9014 | |
| BLAS, June U. | Barrigada | 734-3859/25/34/36 | |
| CHARGUALAF, Ernest T. | Merizo | 828-8312/2941 | |
| CRUZ, John A. | Hagatna | 477-8045/47 | |
| DUENAS, Thomas J. | Mangilao | 734-2163/5731 | |
| FEJERAN, Christopher J. | Agat | 565-4330/35/36/2524 | |
| GOGUE, Jessy C. | Chalan Pago-Ordot | 472-8302/477-1333 | |
| HOFMANN, Robert RDC | Sinajana | 472-6707/477-3323 | |
| IRIARTE, Rudy D. | Sinajana | 472-6707/477-3323 | |
| LUJAN, Doris F. | Inarajan | 475-2509-11 | |
| MATANANE, Rudy M. | Yigo | 653-9446/5248 | |
| MCDONALD, Paul M. | Agana Hts. | 472-6393/8285/6 | |
| PACO, Rudy A. | Mongmong-Toto-Maite | 477-6758/9090 | |
| QUENGA, Bill A. | Yona | 789-4798/0012/1525/6 | |
| QUINATA, Johnny A. | Umatac | 828-2940/8258 | |
| RIVERA, Louise C. | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon | 646-5211/8646 | |
| SALAS, Frankie A. | Asan-Maina | 472-6581/479-2726 | |
| SANCHEZ, Anthony P. | Yigo | 653-9446/5248 | |
| SAVARES, Melissa B. | Dededo | 632-5203/5019/637-9014 | |
| SUSUICO, Kevin JT | Agat | 565-4330/35/36/2524 | |
| TAITAGUE, Vicente S. | Talofof | 789-1421/3262/4821 | |
| UNGACTA, Allan R.G. | Mangilao | 734-2163/5731 | |
| SABLAN, Angel R. | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | | |
| OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT | SIGNATURE | |
| <i>GENEVINE C. REYES</i> <i>Fosc F. Encarnacion</i> | <i>Agana Heights</i> <i>Yona</i> | | |
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| <i>Robert Lizama</i> | <i>Gov. Off</i> | <i>685-1113</i> | |
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