



Regular Monthly Meeting
Zoom Platform
10 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting ID: 819 4998 1316
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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND RECITATION OF *INIFRESI*:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalâhan
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hâgat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Sânta Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
R CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagâtña
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hâgat
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
R QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humåtak
R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo

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

Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.

Angel R. Sablan
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director
Recording Secretary

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Dr. Austin Shelton - Director / Annania Nauta - Project Coordinator
 - G3 Conservation Corps island beautification report.
 - G3 recycle bins installation and sign-up.
 - Intro of new G3 Commitment badges to apply for.
2. Edwin Layfield, Agent – Aquaculture Concession Development
 - Proposal to create a \$1B project off the coast of Guam
3. Judy Amesbury, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
 - A film, “Open Ocean Fishing in the Mariana Archipelago” traditional pelagic (offshore) fishing in the Mariana Islands.
4. Yolonda Topasna, Program Specialist, GCC
 - Partnership with mayors throughout the island in adult education and literacy.
 - Visit mayors’ office in December and February 2022 to encourage residents to take advantage of the no cost services that GCC has to offer those that are looking to obtain their diploma or high school equivalency.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Vicente Taitague. All in favor. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES – Mayor Kevin Susuico made the motion to approve subject to correction and seconded by Mayor Rudy Paco. All in favor. The motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Mayor Bill Quenga. No discussion or objection. The motion carried.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – As of late yesterday the status of funding for the recycling is still at the Attorney General’s office. Once signed, Governor’s representative Robert Lizama is committed to making sure that it gets pushed through at the governor’s office. Council has the abandoned vehicle budgeted out already; it’s just a matter of funds uploaded.

COVID-19 PAY – Council is actively working on this and have submitted time sheets to Dept. of Administration. Mayor Robert Hofmann and Stephanie Flores with the governor’s office are following up on making sure that it is paid as soon as possible.

ARPA FUNDS – Acting Governor Josh Tenorio assured ED that announcement would be made of the amount of money that would be available for the Council over a six-year period. They are trying to make sure that MCOG can be classified as a non-entitlement unit. We are the closest entity on Guam that meets that definition. As soon as that status is clarified, Edward Birn and Lester Carlton would work with the governor’s office to make the announcement of when the funds would be released. The \$32M that Congressman San Nicholas mentioned, the governor had already stated that she’s allotting that money out to the villages, but not directly to the MCOG for islandwide cleaning, repair of roads, helping health centers, streetlights, afterschool programs and the like, so that portion of the funds will still benefit the residents.

President stated that he spoke with the chief of staff about this even further and will have a conversation if not later this week then early next week and will keep Council members posted. There's the \$17M million that they're working on and he will ask for an actual breakdown of everything. ED mentioned about the \$32M. So as long as mayors know what it is and how they're spending it on the MCOG, then at least mayors have an idea how much money is actually being given to the Council.

BELEN DISPLAY CONTEST – The rules would be disseminated out today. Inalâhan requested an extension for the judging from Dec. 12 to later in the week because they just started creating their display. That would be up to the Body to decide. *President* expressed that KUAM will feature a virtual Christmas parade and generously offered to feature all the villages for Christmas and will feature the winners of the contest and they need to know the winners before Dec. 16. Mayor Savares expressed that there are vandalism in the communities and the longer we keep it up the faster it's going to be for vandals and if judging is delayed, mayors' anticipate using that prize incentive for the foster family initiative for the holidays. Mayor Anthony Chargualaf yielded to stay with the intended plan.

The judges is a secret; none of the mayors or vice mayors would know who they are. Start time is at 6:30 pm Dec 12. MCOG Admin Ofc. will let districts know ahead of time when the judges' are headed there. The judging is only for the Belen, not for the entire Christmas lighting. Props may be used or live humans. The dimension of the display is at the mayors' discretion. Points are based on originality, artistry, creativity, and the use of indigenous and recyclable materials. The decision of the judges is final.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES FERAL SWINE TASK FORCE – *President* met with the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District people. There is a tentative plan on how to address some of the feral pig issues in the south and maybe in the central portion and will be working with them to finalize a pilot program.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON SEARCH FOR IMPOUND LOT – Mayor Hofmann had a chance to talk with Joe Borja and the Lieutenant Governor to look at available spaces and areas in the north, central and south understanding the environmental regulations that need to go there, the aquifers and all the other factors that can go into it. They may have another meeting next week to see what they were able to pull out on inventory. Available government property is done either ancestral, Chamorro Land Trust, Government of Guam, and then what's kind of in with agencies. By next week, Mayor should be able to give everybody a better picture of what they're looking at.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ABANDONED VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS – Mayor Allan Ungacta expressed that there could be some kind of misunderstanding between the last meeting the Council had or those that are listening to the meetings that the general public is under the impression that DPW is going to pick up abandoned vehicles that are on government easement. People are dumping vehicles on the sides of the road.

ED stated that when DPW director met with Council members they were going to be doing an aggressive program in trying to remove vehicles on public easements. The hold up is that the Attorney General's Office says you can't just go pick up the vehicle and take it to the recycling center. You have to pick up the vehicle and take it to an impound lot and that's where Mayor Hoffman is coming in with the need for an impound lot.

Mayor Ungacta stated that DPW had been very instrumental in helping remove some of the vehicles to put it down at the Bill Muna Field, whether it's a designated impound lot or not but it's the due diligence that he had to take care of because of the concern that it's next to areas where the school are at, bus stops and kids playing around these vehicles. People are arbitrarily throwing it out there.

Mayor Savares said, "As mayors we are going to do whatever it takes us to get these things away so that our community is safe and then we get cited. So the clear thing is that I hope that we don't get an influx of residents calling tomorrow because we had this discussion today. First thing that would be on printed media and then maybe even on the news tonight, because we do have our media partners here but they are going to say that at the Mayor's Council meeting, we discussed abandoned vehicles and how they were being assisted by DPW." Mayor has six years of vehicles on the list because of the limited number that could be picked up each time that she gets a purchase order.

Mayor Jessy Gogue said he was glad Mayor Ungacta raised the concern of vehicles growing on the shoulders of our road. He has no space or place to put these vehicles and it would become more of a safety hazard to his community rather than just leaving it on the road. Mayor said he has a number of vehicles on his list that are still pending removal, that's going to grow as soon as there's a notice made by the media. Mayor stated that something has to be done and legislation is something mayors need to look at and continue to pursue.

Mayor Rudy Paco said the original owner and the individual he sold the vehicle to have to go Dept. of Revenue and Tax and transfer that vehicle. This would be easier to track down these individuals who abandoned these vehicles.

Mayor Kevin Susuico expressed bringing up conversations with Guam Police Dept. and all the agencies that may be involved that could potentially help mayors curb this issue that they have.

President made everyone aware that there were at least two *Legislative and Finance Standing Committee* meetings, where abandoned vehicles was discussed. Because of those meetings Both *President* and Mayor Hofmann have had other conversations with some senators who were willing to sponsor some bills. That's where these conversations needs to happen.

President will call another committee meeting to have discussions where mayors can all contribute to a proposed bill and see if there's a senator that's willing to entertain this.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FOSTER CARE PROJECT – *President* announced that DPHSS received eight applicants for foster families in November and three so far in December. DPHSS is very happy. He is very grateful for everyone's support and effort and is hopeful Council would

meet the goal of 19 foster families. *President* is thankful for KUAM wanting to share the displays with everyone.

The two things on the foster care project for this Sunday is the Christmas display contest and the second is a little insert for the parishes, which Vice Mayor Kevin actually worked on and put together. *President* said, "If you are active in your Catholic parish, know that they received a letter from us about this Sunday's mass and if you can speak to your pastor and see if you can encourage if it's not a candle activity at least in inserting the intention during the universal prayer and maybe even praying the prayer that was approved by Father Paul Gofigan who is the liturgical chair. So thank you, vice mayor. If again, if you're active in your parish, please communicate with your pastor and see if you can push that."

Vice Mayor Kevin reported sending out the letter and the Archbishop's office did forward to all of the priests. To also entertain the idea of Mayor Savares with sending it out to the other churches and if mayors have any particular church in their village that they would like to send it to they can because they are generalized letters for the archdiocese and all church and faith-based organizations. Sample universal prayers were given to them just to incorporate into the mass, a prayer at the end and whatever efforts so long as we pray.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Village Vaccination Clinics – DPHSS extended their thanks for hosting the clinics. Many of the doses were used by walk-ins and not through appointments. *President* encouraged appointments. DPHSS is willing to increase the number of appointment slots if they fill up. They haven't had any issues, but if there are having any, let *President* know or contact DPHSS directly.
- AmeriCorps is doing a survey on all mayors and vice mayors. They would like to know if there are any veterans within the MCOG or their immediate families.
- KUAM is asking each village to submit a five-minute video of their Christmas village display, residents that go all out for Christmas, a special story in the village, or even a Christmas message. Submit no later than December 16 to KUAM.
- SCO and ADC Status meeting is moved to Thursday, Dec. 9 at 3pm via Zoom platform because of the holiday.
- Guam Hawks motorcycle club will have their annual candy run this coming Sunday visiting low-cost housing areas. Mayor Louise Rivera will send out the schedule. One group will be going south while the other will go north starting at 9 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Council Executive Secretary
17th Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



ELAINE RA SCHAAF
Transcriber
MCOG – Administration



MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

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ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Virtual Platform
December 7, 2021

	NAME	PRESENT	Out During Roll Call	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig	✓			
	Mayor Dale E. Alvarez R			✓	
	Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista O			✓	
	Vice Mayor Peter John S. Benavente	✓			
2	Mayor June U. Blas	✓			
3	Mayor Anthony P. Chargualaf	✓			
	Mayor Ernest T. Chargualaf O			✓	
4	Mayor John A. Cruz R			✓	
5	Vice Mayor Kevin AN Delgado	✓			
	Vice Mayor Christopher J. Fejeran O			✓	
6	Mayor Jessy C. Gogue	✓			
	Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann	✓	✓		
	Vice Mayor Rudy D. Iriarte O			✓	
	Vice Mayor Loreto V. Leones R			✓	
7	Mayor Paul M. McDonald	✓			
	Mayor Rudy A. Paco	✓			
14	Mayor Bill A. Quenga	✓			
	Mayor Johnny A. Quinata R			✓	
	Mayor Louise C. Rivera	✓			
8	Mayor Frankie A. Salas	✓			
	Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez R			✓	
9	Mayor Melissa B. Savares	✓			
10	Mayor Kevin T. Susuico	✓			
11	Mayor Vicente S. Taitague	✓			
12	Vice Mayor Albert M. Toves	✓			
13	Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta	✓			

TOTAL	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
	PRESENT	Out During Roll Call	ABSENT
			EXCUSED

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



LOUISE C. RIVERA
 Mayor of Tamuning and Executive Secretary