



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2024
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

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

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

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

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

Twelve (12) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established at 10:26 a.m.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

The body did not object to the change in the agenda to allow Congressman James Moylan to make an announcement regarding the USDA's Section 504 grant loan program for seniors with low incomes.

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

- A. Anjeline Reyo, WestCare Pacific Islands Path to Freedom Program
US Department of Labor homeless veterans reintegration program.
- B. Dr. Yvette Paulino, University of Guam Guma' Tinemtom
Guam National Health Interview Survey and establish a Micronesian Data Laboratory
- C. LaTarché Collins, US Dept of Commerce/Economic Development Administration for
FEMA Interagency Recovery Coordination

V. **APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES – Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VI. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Mayor Anthony Chargualaf made the motion to approve the February report and was seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF – The Work Request was signed yesterday for \$1M. In order for MCOG to request the remaining \$500,000 the president assured the Guam EPA board that by June, MCOG will have an updated report on expenditures. MCOG will start by issuing purchase orders for abandoned vehicles after the governor signs the MOA and the work order is at Dept. of Administration. The same amount will be typically given. If there is a larger amount on a specific purchase order to be increased, send the president a memo.

Mayor Rudy Paco queried when is Guam going to have an impound lot. For the record, former mayor Robert Lizama stated that the administration is actively discussing the impound lot and considering the regulations that are necessary for that lot.

The president gave a plan of action to reduce the tires amount for those Districts who did not spend it completely in the past years. Those that were able to expend the money completely or majority of it will be given the same amount and those who had larger balances for tires, it will be reduced for now to give more where it was spent in the previous fiscal years.

ARPA FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES – Edward Birn, Director, Department of Administration offered to help with the purchase. The president provided him the list and the balance in late March. He will follow up.

ARPA FUNDS – Council members were reminded of the purchase for updated computer hardware for the 19 District offices and for the administration office for the second tranche. The president sent the information to the director of administration to help MCOG procure.

MCOG has not yet requested the second tranche, which is the additional \$8.5M and the funds must be spent by the end of the fiscal year. His plan is to split the remaining expenses from the second tranche equally, allocating \$300,000 to each District. The remaining amount is approximately \$5 million. The president advised the mayors that they need to take a look at what money is available now versus what they want to receive in FY2025. He stated that they must have a solid plan in place, specify how they will use it by September 30 and it has to be executed. The president called for a motion.

Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion to divide the second tranche to the 19 villages after taking care of expenses from the Mayors' Council and to address the APRA funding. Seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista. In discussion, of that second tranche, the president stated he wanted to reserve \$2.8M to cover maintenance workers the first quarter of next year in case the \$2.8M couldn't be found. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.** The president emphasized to the Body that the plan must be finalized by the end of the fiscal year and that funds must be spent by next year.

Mayor Melissa Savares stated that she added additional maintenance workers in her budget request, at least for the four villages with more than 10,000 residents. She remembered the president telling her that the Department of Public Works had the authority to take it away if it was funded locally. The mayor asked whether we would be able to keep them if ARPA funding was used.

The President will be sending out an email to Council members regarding the second tranche, pointing out to be specific about what they want to spend it on and how, and it will be by object class.

FY 2025 BUDGET SUBMISSION – \$19.9M is the request. The president is looking at allocating specifically to the village so it will be specified in the Budget Act. A couple of villages did not submit a request; they will be funded based on how it was typically done in the past.

Three expenses must be acknowledged. The first is to cover \$2.8 million for community maintenance workers. The second is the \$25,000 in inauguration expenses, which can come out of the mayors' own budgets. The third item is the nearly \$900,000 annual leave payout.

Because Mayor Melissa Savares' budget request to increase maintenance workers, taking a look at the smaller villages and how to also accommodate them, the president acknowledged that adjustments to the workforce were necessary and needed to be addressed.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Boards and Commissions

GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER) – Mayor Melissa Savares reported that a task force started reviewing the idea of closures of certain schools. They will begin stakeholder outreach with PTOs and the school community. She will send out the schedule.

B. Standing Committees

USER FEES – Mayor Melissa Savares reported mayors' can charge for the space businesses and organizations advertise utilizing posters, banners and the like to promote or market a product such as Pepsi at their recreational facilities. She will provide the different fee rates that range from \$50 to \$300. Upon discretion, one can choose to charge on an hourly or a weekend rate. The mayor said that after reviewing the rates, vote on it then submit in resolution form to the legislature.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 80th Liberation Planning – The president said it's public information that Guam Visitors Bureau has been working on a promotion with United Airlines regarding travelers from the mainland He communicated with vice president, Mayor Robert Hofmann to see if MCOG can engage GVB in assisting with the parade and with the block party.

The theme and logo should be released soon. It will probably be announced before MCOG's next meeting in conjunction with the governor.

If a queen's application was submitted to the Mayor's Council of Guam with Elaine, the sponsor may pick up the tickets at the Hågat Mayor's Office.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMIM Special Meeting Friday, April 19, Saipan, CNMI – The president inquired if there were any notes that needed to be discussed.

According to Mayor Anthony Chargualaf, he noticed that Guam's participation was not very high during the previous three years that he had attended. **In order to encourage participation, he motioned to use mayoral dues to cover the cost of the council members' airfare to Saipan. Seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas.**

In discussion, the president stated that it be clear that it must cover the lowest possible fare, it cannot be non-restricted or business class and that it does not include per diem and transportation and it would require council approval to use revolving fund money.

Mayor Melissa Savares inquired as to whether those who have already paid would be reimbursed.

The president stated that he would not agree to reimburse at the price that was paid, but rather at the cheapest amount available on the date of solicitation.

No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

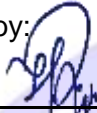
➤ Public Access Program – Coordinator Shayna Lopez with Naval Facilities Marianas announced WW II themed tours on Naval Base Guam. The program allows individuals who do not have base access to visit identified cultural and historic sites. Tours are done pre scheduled or by request.

➤ Mayor Savares announced a fundraiser gala on April 13 at the Guam Community College in the multipurpose auditorium for the Ministry to the Homeless Soup Kitchen. For tickets, see her or Vice Mayor Peter John Benavente.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Attested by:



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

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