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The Council

The Leadership of the 15th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council was sworn into office on January 14, 2019 together with the Mayor of Saipan. Elected into office, the Council reviewed projects and programs established by the 14th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Leadership to ensure continuity; and to create new project and programs to benefit the community. The Council believes that with the collaboration of the Office of the Mayors of the Third Senatorial District and the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation our goals may be accomplished when we work together as a Local Government for the 3rd Senatorial District.

Goals and Objectives

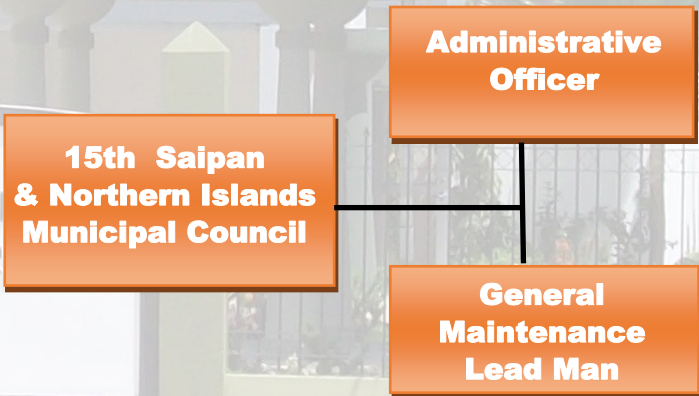
Kiosku — The opening the Municipal Library for community use.

Council Old Building — Restore the Old Council Building historically.

Council New Complex — The final process of rebuilding.

Neighborhood Watch — Restart of the Neighborhood Watch Task Force

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KIOSKU: The Signage bearing the list of names of former and present elected leaders on Saipan was finally restored and completed on 8/20/20. Restoration was made possible by funding from FEMA under the Council’s approved project worksheet as a result of the Super Typhoon Yutu. An awarded grant funds under the FEMA Public Assistance Program pursuant to the Emergency Disaster Declaration.

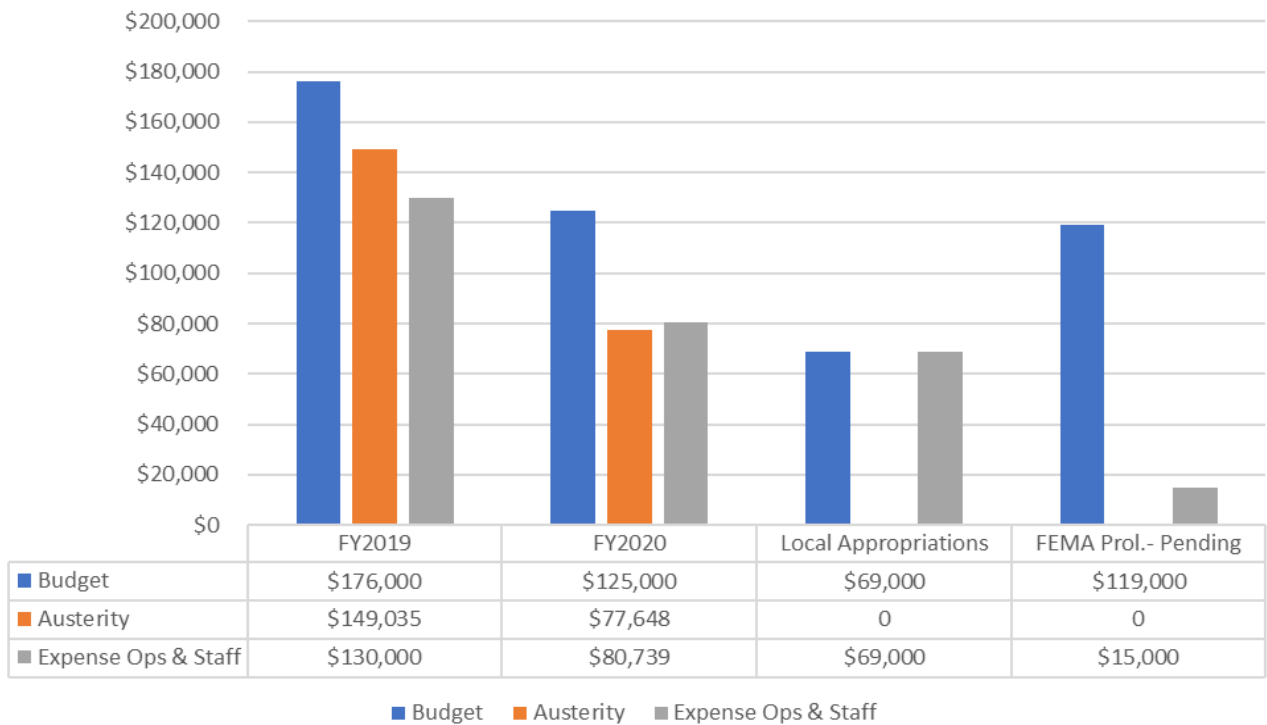


Old Council Building and the New Complex: On October 3, 2020 the Council has just received notice from FEMA that the ACHP Report (Section 106) has been completed. This notice now allows the Council to take the next step in the process of construction for the new Municipal Complex damaged by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015. This report also includes the approved process in the restoration of the Old Council Building that was built back since the Japanese Administration in the Marianas. The building is currently one of the few that still stands in Chalan Kanoa that had also been used during the Naval Administration and Commonwealth Government under the Municipality of Saipan. Restoration will house interpretive signs showing its history. Restoration funds will be applied through available grants.





Funding vs Expense



The CNMI and the entire nation is facing an up hill battle this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Most businesses are on hold or closing due to lack of customers to provide service too. Most air travels have been suspended preventing tourist to our islands. Therefore, revenue has decreased due to the closure of business temporarily or permanent. CNMI projects or programs would have to be based on Federal Grants to kick start any projects or programs that would benefit our Community.

The Council this FY2020 was fortunate to have been appropriated funds through a Saipan Local Law for the purchase of a vehicle for the ground maintenance of the Kiosku and for administrative use.

Funding from FEMA for Council projects are moving slow since the COVID-19 Pandemic started from March of 2020. The Council was fortunate to have completed the Kiosku Signage that was completely installed on August 20, 2020.

COVID-19 Pandemic had impacted all local businesses and the CNMI Government that led to the reduction of hours worked, the termination and furloughs of thousands of employees and employers as well. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) had started soon after that were able to help affected employees that met the qualifications.



Since this Fiscal Year 2020 had place the CNMI on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Council’s planned projects and programs were on hold as well. The Council looks forward to continuing its plans that would benefit the community of the Municipality of Saipan.

The Revitalization of Chalan Kanoa:

The Council has future plans to start a project called the “*Revitalization of Chalan Kanoa*”, this project would be in collaboration with several agencies such as the Saipan Mayor’s Office, HPO, the Council, National Park Service and the Community of Chalan Kanoa. Part of this project idea is to restore the old ruins of the building built during the Japanese Administration with HPO. The Kiosku will be operated as the main start of the project where visitors or tourist may receive materials and information on the village of Chalan Kanoa. In the planning would include the “*Heritage Tour of Chalan Kanoa*”, visitors would be taken to certain Chalan Kanoa homes that still stand that were built during the Japanese Administration. Each stop to certain ruins would have an interpretive sign with information on the significance of each building. The Old Council building would be the last stop of the tour. The area where the old Council building remains was formerly the Municipality of Saipan during the Naval Administration. This project contains a lot of research, planning and funding before it is ready to start.

The Village Identity:

The Council plans to start a research on implementing a Village Identity for each village entrance. This would be useful to visiting tourist to know and understand what area of the village they are in. Our maps that tourist is use indicate the village but certain villages do not have an entrance sign showing the location. This can be in collaboration with MVA, Legislature, Saipan Mayor, HPO and the Council.

The MUNICIPAL Library:

The last plans on the Council’s list would be the Municipal Library that may be added to the new Municipal Complex if the Kiosku would not have any space. The complex is also planned for a second floor to house the Saipan Mayor and his staff. The Council and the Saipan Mayor plans to bring back the Municipal Government together that was once located in the heart of Chalan Kanoa. Where most, if not all, of our Government Officials and Governors were from. From the first Governor to the last. The Council will reach out to the community to assist in the providing any historical photos of Saipan and our elected leaders. This information or photos will be put together to start a catalog that will become available reading material in the library that will be the first.

Neighborhood Watch:

The Council would like to restart the Neighborhood Watch Program once again to try and bring the community to unite and come together to help each watch out for one another around their village for security. Being each other’s eyes and ears while away from their home. Having the comfort in knowing that your home is being monitored by a friendly neighbor.

**Be part of your
Village
Neighborhood
Watch**

Serving to better our Village,
Our Community, Our Island

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