

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 41st REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 23, 2023.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra | - City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer) |
| Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joel E. Tinio | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Baltazar C. Abian | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr. | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura | - SK Federated President |

The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of November 23, 2023

OPENING PRAYER

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, we are so thankful for Your kindness towards us,
Thank You that You brought us together safely,
And that we get to fellowship with one another.
Today we acknowledge that our lives, our plans, our ideas
and our desires are nothing if not for Your glory,
We thank You for all that You have done in us thus far,
And we praise You for all the work that You are yet to do in and through us.
This we ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted with all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod listed herein as present in attendance, and thereafter a **QUORUM** was declared.

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PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Before the approval of the Minutes, Acting SP Secretary, Mrs. Edna B. Siega read the resolutions that were passed and approved in the previous regular and special sessions.

Thereafter, Honorable Joel E. Tinio was recognized and presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular and special session, seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on November 9, 2023, November 16, 2023 and Special Session on November 20, 2023 re: Resolution Nos. 237-246 and Resolution Nos. 247-248, respectively, be as it is hereby approved.

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MATTERS OF INFORMATION

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

The first of the matters that I have to inform the body that the Local Government Unit of Surigao, Sangguniang Panlungsod was the runner-up in the Search for Outstanding Sangguniang Panlungsod-Component City. And we have here the plaque that we received. We would like to congratulate ourselves for garnering this award for the very first time that we were able to win as runner-up as Outstanding Sanggunian.

The second one is the Memorandum Circular No. 2023-183, declaring that there is no hold-over in so far as the Liga ng mga Barangay President is concerned. And for this purpose, the only problem that we have is that, of the existing or the officers of the previous Liga, only one was re-elected and in the person of Punong Barangay Josephine Patan of Barangay Poctoy. In any event, we would like to thank the services that have been rendered by Punong Barangay and the Liga ng mga Barangay President, Councilor Nagas, and we would have presented to him today a Plaque of Appreciation. But unfortunately, he is on official travel or he's on a private travel, and promised that he will be here next week, together with Councilor and now Punong Barangay Bonite to receive the commendation that we will be presenting to each and every one of them.

And also that we would like to inform that just this morning, Memorandum Circular No. 2023-184 was issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, setting now the schedule of the Liga Chapter Elections. In the case of the City and the Component City, the date of the election is not later than December 15, 2023. And I do understand that the hold-over, Secretary or Treasurer, Punong Barangay Patan has called for a General Membership Meeting of all Punong Barangays this coming Monday, November 27, for the membership to be able to convene as a group and for them to set the election themselves. Taking into consideration that the DILG Memorandum Circular 2023-184 states that, "it should be held not later than December 15, 2023." They will have to compose themselves for the Nomination Committee, the Election Committee, the Board of Canvassers, and the other committees that will be formed during their assembly this coming November 27. And we expect that we will have a new Liga President probably before December 15, 2023.

INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

FIRST READING:

- REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:**

a. Committee on Rules —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) relative to the Philsys Birth Registration (PBRAP)
- Letter from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to review the Resolution No.75-1997, a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to donate a portion of the city's property along the boulevard with an area of not more than two hundred square meters (200 sq.m.) in favor of the Surigaonon Heritage Center as site for the proposed Surigao City Museum and Research Center on a usufruct basis only which is allegedly being sold by a private person contrary to its use as Surigao City Museum and Research Center

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, a request for an authority for him to enter into Contracts of Service with two (2) employees for renewal in the office of the City General Services in the City Government, for the period December 1 to 31, 2023

b. Committee on Appropriations —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, endorsing to the City Council the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 04, Series of 2023, dated September 27, 2023, "A Resolution Approving and Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 2 for CY 2023
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, a request for inclusion of a new provision under the General Provision of the Local Expenditure Program (LEP) for CY 2024
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, re: Local Finance Committee (LFC) No. 28 Series of 2023, a Resolution Favorably Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and to Endorse to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to Contract a Loan with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the Financing of the Proposed Construction of Swine Breeder Farm Facilities to be Located in Brgy. Quezon, Surigao City, in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five Million (PhP375,000,000.00) Pesos and Endorsing the Revised Lease Agreement Providing for the Terms and Condition in the Operationalization of the Subject Swine Breeder Farm Facilities Thru Private Partnership

c. Committee on Public Order and Safety —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the copy of the proposed ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Establishing the Emergency Medical and Response Center of the City of Surigao, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes.

d. Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities —

- Indorsement from Tricycle Trisikad Franchising Office, endorsing 170 New Applications for Bao-Bao for-hire franchises which will be operating within Arellano District of Surigao and 149 applications for the tricycle franchise classified as renewal and amendment of franchise.
- Request denominated as URGENT, the herein letter from Rev. Herman N. Diaz, SECAMFEL President, re: request for the Temporary Road Closure of the portion of the City Boulevard near Parola for the Jesus Reigns Celebration on November 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

e. Committee on Health and Sanitation —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte on the Integration of our Local Health System into the Province- Wide Health System (PHWS).

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Hon. Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Labor and Employment

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT(DOLE).

DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program or KABUHAYAN Program is being considered as an important strategy towards transitioning informal workers to formal and has been given responsibility to directly implement the approved Livelihood (Kabuhayan) Project entitled “Individual Livelihood Projects for the 123 Beneficiaries of Muslim Community in Surigao City”, in accordance with the Department Order No. 173, series of 17. The LGU SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, with principal addresses at City Hall Compound, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte represented herein by its City Mayor – HON. PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II herein referred to as “PROPONENT ACP” or PROPONENT BENEFECIARY. It is the current Administration thrust to immediately implement poverty reduction projects in all regions and promote inclusive economic development.

It is thus recommended that a resolution be passed authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Department of Labor (DOLE), for the release of livelihood project.

Mr. Chair, may I move for the adoption of my report.

The Presiding Officer asked the proponent as to who the 123 beneficiaries of the Muslim Community in Surigao City are of the aforementioned livelihood projects while Hon. Azarcon asked what specific livelihood program are sought to be granted. Since there was no list attached to the indorsement, the proceeding was suspended to call and allow the PESO Manager-Designate, Ms. Arciazal Lagrama to provide information on the matter. While waiting, Hon. Casurra was recognized.

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

SUBJECT:

A resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a Deed of Donation of materials between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and Grant Giant represented by its owner, Mr. Antonio Lim.

FACTS/FINDINGS:

The proposed resolution aims to authorize the City Mayor, Hon. Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to accept a donation from GRAND GIANT represented by Mr. Antonio Lim as Donor consisting of 1,100 sheets of magnalume size 8 feet and 539 sheets of plywood size 3/16 inches. These materials are intended for peace and order purposes to be used in construction of public structures and other project plans that is aligned for the intended purposes.

After careful consideration, the Committee finds that the donation of materials is of significant benefit to the City of Surigao. The magnalume and plywood can be utilized in various city projects, contributing to the overall improvement of public facilities and services for the peace and order purposes.

The Committee has also reviewed the terms and conditions of the donation and found them to be in order. The materials are of good quality, and their intended use aligns with the city's development goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation, Mr. Chair is the Committee hereby recommends that a resolution be passed authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Deed of Donation for the receipt of 1,100 sheets of magnalume in 8 feet and 539 sheets of plywood in 3/16 inches.

This Committee firmly believes that accepting this donation is in the best interest of the City, as it enhances our capacity to undertake important projects that contribute to the welfare of our constituents.

I move for the adoption of my report, Mr. Chair.

The motion to adopt the said report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 251-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ACCEPT THE DEED OF DONATION FROM GRAND GIANT, DULY REPRESENTED BY ITS OWNER, MR. ANTONIO LIM FOR THE DONATION OF 1,100 SHEETS OF MAGNALUME (8 FEET) AND 539 SHEETS OF PLYWOOD (3/16 INCHES).

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council for a legislative action authorizing him to enter into a Deed of Donation between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and Grand Giant, duly represented by its owner, Mr. Antonio Lim;

WHEREAS, the donation from Grant Giant consists of 1,100 sheets of Magnalume (8 feet), and 539 sheets of Plywood (3/16 inches);

WHEREAS, these materials are intended for the overall improvement of public facilities and services, aligning with the City's development goals for the promotion of peace and order;

WHEREAS, the Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure firmly believes that accepting the donation is in the best interest of the City, enhancing the capacity to undertake important projects contributing to the welfare of constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to accept the Deed of Donation from Grand Giant, duly represented by its owner, Mr. Antonio Lim for the donation of 1,100 sheets of Magnalume (8 feet) and 539 sheets of Plywood (3/16 inches).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, Grand Giant duly represented by the owner, Mr. Antonio Lim and all concerned, for their information and guidance.

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Councilor Bayana is recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

The subject of the committee report, Mr. Chairman is City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 4, Series of 2023 Entitled "Supplemental Annual Investment Program No. 2 for Calendar Year 2023".

The Committee on Appropriations finds the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 4, Series of 2023 of the CDC or the City Development Council to be in order.

So, it is therefore recommended that it be approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

May I move for the adoption of the committee report, Mr. Chairman.

The motion to adopt the said report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 252-2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC) RESOLUTION NO. 4, SERIES OF 2023 CONTAINING THE SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM NO. 2 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, endorsing City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 04, Series of 2023, dated September 27, 2023, "A Resolution Approving and Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 2 for CY 2023" for review, approval and adoption;

WHEREAS, there were additional investment requirements identified by the various city barangays and line offices of the City Government, and proposed other projects to be funded under the General Fund, the 20% Development Fund and National/External Fund Sources;

WHEREAS, the modifications for supplemental purposes have been duly reviewed by the concerned committees and the same have been found to be in order and aligned with the overall development thrusts and priorities of the city government;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution approving the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 4, Series of 2023 containing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program No. 2 for Calendar Year 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, City Development Council and all concerned, for their information and guidance.

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HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Next, committee report supposedly covers all the plans and programs and documents which are incorporation to the annual budget. However, in today's session there was an issue which was indorsed only today for inclusion in the Local Expenditure Program, a New Provision for inclusion in the Local Expenditure Program for Calendar Year 2024.

In view, I cannot, the Committee Chairman cannot make any motion pursuant to the committee report without taking up this first, Mr. Chairman because it is incorporation in the Local Expenditure Program for 2024. Since the matter indorsed only now, Mr. Chairman, may I move for the suspension of the rules, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

The rules are suspended per request of Hon. Bayana.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

May I move for inclusion in the Local Expenditure Program for Calendar Year 2024 in the General Provision as contained in the letter of the City Budget Officer, Atty. Jeffrey P. Galido and which was duly indorsed by the Hon. City Mayor, Palo Yves L. Dumlao II. May I move for its inclusion in the Local Expenditure Program for Calendar Year 2024, Mr. Chairman. I so move.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved. **RULES ARE REINSTATED.** Councilor Bayana continued reporting.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

The subject of the report: various plans and all documents and programs which are to be incorporated into the annual budget for Calendar Year 2024

Facts: Submitted are the following:

- 1. The Annual Investment Program for Calendar Year 2024,*
- 2. DILG endorsed gender and development plan and budget,*
- 3. Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan,*
- 4. Local Climate Change Action Plan,*
- 5. Peace and Order Plan,*
- 6. Local Youth Development Plan,*
- 7. Local Nutrition Action Plan,*
- 8. Culture and Arts Development Plans,*
- 9. Indicative Annual Investment Procurement Plan,*

- 10. List of PPAs for Local Council for the Protection of a... protection ini di kung production for the Protection of children,
- 11. List of PPAs for Senior Citizens and Person with Disabilities,
- 12. List of PPAs to Combat Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome or AIDS,
- 13. List of PPAs to address the problem on Illegal Drugs,
- 14. Local Government Unit DTP or the Devolution Transition Plan,
- 15. Local Government Unit Capacity Development Agenda.

Recommendation: The Committee on Appropriation finds the programs and plans to be in order and therefore I recommend for their approval.

May I move for the adoption of the committee report, Mr. Chairman.

The motion to adopt the said report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 253-2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ALL THE PLANS, PROGRAMS AND/OR DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO.

WHEREAS, indorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod is the Local Expenditure Program (LEP) of this city for the Budget Year 2024 submitted by the City Mayor, with the attached required Plans and PPAs and LGU Devolution Transition Plan and LGU CapDev Agenda, namely:

- 1. Annual Investment Program for Calendar Year 2024
- 2. DILG-endorsed Gender and Development Plan and Budget
- 3. Local Disaster Risk-Reduction and Management Plan
- 4. Local Climate Change Action Plan
- 5. Peace and Order Plan
- 6. Local Youth Development Plan
- 7. Local Nutrition Action Plan
- 8. Culture and Arts Development Plan
- 9. Indicative Annual Procurement Plan
- 10. List of PPA's for Local Council for the Protection of Children
- 11. List of PPA's for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities
- 12. List of PPA's to Combat Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome or AIDS
- 13. List of PPA's to Address the Problem of Illegal Drugs
- 14. Local Government Unit Devolution Transition Plan
- 15. Local Government Unit Capacity Development Agenda

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 384 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code, the LGU is mandated to appropriate in its annual budget an amount no less than twenty percent (20%) of its IRA for the year as appropriation for local development projects that are embodied and contained in the local development plans;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded by Honorable Joel E. Tinio, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution approving all the Plans, Programs and/or Documents which are incorporated into the Annual Budget for Calendar Year 2024 of the City of Surigao.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, City Budget Office, City Planning and Development Office, and all concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER

Any other committee report? By the way I was informed that the head of the office is on leave so we cannot proceed with the approval of the committee report until such a questions are sufficiently answered so we will just defer the approval of this committee report in our next regular session with the directive to allow and invite Lagrama to be here to answer questions especially so that this involves grant of sum of money to the Muslim, our Muslim brothers and sisters but the problem is it only limited to Hundred Twenty-three (123) and we do not have the list of those who are to receive this and who prepared the list in the first place so that we can be able to defend this the moment people would seem to question the names and so on. We will always have some basis to defend ourselves that to defend our action here in Sanggunian.

So, will revert this to the committee for the committee to conduct further a committee hearing and see that we have a sufficient basis to defend ourselves later on in the event of some issues that maybe raised as raised by Councilor Azarcon which is really a valid observation for who prepared this, how much and the, what business they are going to invest insofar as the monetary... the money that will be given by the DOLE to them.

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters: None

B. Urgent Matters:

- Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum Of Agreement with the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte on the Integration of our Local Health System into the Province-Wide Health Systems (By: Committee on Sanitation)

Hon. Geli was recognized.

HON. JOSHUA EMILLIO S. GELI:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. The endorsement was just sent today and based on the letter of the provincial governor, the ceremonial signing of the MOA will be held tomorrow so that's why this is urgent. So, upon hastily perusing this MOA, its seems that the objectives of this is to strengthen and collaborate and to link the health care system of the province in the city and upon seeing the role of the city, of the LGU is just to formulate the plan and to implement its program and I think there is no legal impediment to pass this resolution to authorize the city mayor.

So, with that, Mr. Chair, I move to pass a resolution authorizing the city mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the provincial government of Surigao del Norte on the Integration of our Local Health Systems into the Province-Wide Health Systems. I so move, Mr. Chair.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 254-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE ON THE INTEGRATION OUR LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS INTO THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEMS (PHWS).

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution declared that "The state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all people at an affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.

The state shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, Section 17(a) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, provides that "Local government units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They shall also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them pursuant to this Code. Local government units shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities enumerated herein";

WHEREAS, Section 33 of the LGC further provides that the "Local government units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate, or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them, hi support of such undertakings, the local government units involved may, upon approval of the sanggunian concerned after a public hearing conducted for the purpose, contribute funds, real estate, equipment, and other kinds of property and appoint or assign personnel under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the participating local units through Memoranda of Agreement";

WHEREAS, Section 19, Chapter V of the Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, states that "The DOH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), PhilHealth, and LGUs shall endeavor to integrate health systems into province-wide health systems";

WHEREAS, Section 20, Chapter V of the UHC Act further emphasizes that "The province-wide health system shall pool and manage, through a special health fund, all resources intended for health services to finance population-based and individual-based health services, health system operating costs, capital investments, and remuneration of additional health workers and incentives for all health workers";

WHEREAS, the UHC Act Implementation aims to strengthen collaboration and integrate health care systems in the province and city, with the LGU of Surigao tasked with planning and program implementation;

WHEREAS, recognizing the potential benefits, the august body supports the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte in integrating our Local Health Systems into the Province-Wide Health Systems (PHWS).

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte on the integration our Local Health Systems into the Province-Wide Health Systems (PHWS).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte, and all concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, re: Local Finance Committee (LFC) No. 28 Series of 2023, a Resolution Favorably Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and to Endorse to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to Contract a Loan with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the Financing of the Proposed Construction of Swine Breeder Farm Facilities to be Located in Brgy. Quezon, Surigao City, in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five Million (PhP375,000,000.00) Pesos and Endorsing the Revised Lease Agreement Providing for the Terms and Condition in the Operationalization of the Subject Swine Breeder Farm Facilities Thru Private Partnership. (By: Committee on Appropriations)

Hon. Bayana requested that the matter be taken up on the next session with the request that printed copies of the lease agreement be distributed to the members of the council.

- Request denominated as URGENT, the herein letter from Rev. Herman N. Diaz, SECAMFEL President, re: request for the Temporary Road Closure of the portion of the City Boulevard near Parola for the Jesus Reings Celebration on November 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Hon. Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR B. ABIAN:

Again, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues, since the matter is denominated as urgent, may I move that the said ordinance be taken up on second reading.

The motion was approved and the matter was taken up for discussion.

HON. BALTAZAR B. ABIAN:

Mr. Chair, we have 6 sections.

Section 1. Jesus Reigns: A day of celebration is an event being held simultaneously across the 82 provinces of the Philippines to honor one Lord and to declare one voice and as one Nation Jesus Reigns!

Section 2. This event is hoped to bring at least 2,000 to 3,000 Christian believers Province wide. This year's Theme is "Intimacy with the word (Palms 119:23-35) Lord Jesus himself is the living word (John 1:1 and 14).

Section 3. The Surigao Evangelical Churches and Ministers Fellowship (SECAMFEL) will have its venue at the city boulevard area adjacent to the City Pier light house on November 27, 2023 form 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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679 *Section 4: Safety and precautions. Event organizers shall address any concerns*
680 *and will closely work with local authorities to ensure the safety of participants.*
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682 *Section 5: Separability clause. Should any provision of the ordinance be*
683 *subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provision not declared so shall*
684 *remain in force and effect.*
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686 *Section 6: Effectivity. This ordinance shall be take effect upon approval.*
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688 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**
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690 *There is nothing in the section that the... provides for the closure of streets, ah the*
691 *closure of the Boulevard. So, you... It is only in the title, but there is nothing in the sections*
692 *that would indicate that the... there is a temporary road closure of the Surigao City*
693 *Boulevard from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM on November 27. You can just add up here as after*
694 *Section 3. "The Surigao City Boulevard adjacent to the City Pier Lighthouse or Parola is*
695 *hereby closed.. temporarily closed" huh? That's why ah... Where is the? Where is the*
696 *representative here? Any representative? Where can we start the closure?*
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698 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**
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700 *Dili ra kaabot sa Kody's dili kaabot sa Kody's kay nag depend naman sila sa*
701 *adton tagbutang na dome.*
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703 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**
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705 *Ah we will just have it... that we will have it ah from the Kody's is up to the Parola.*
706 *Two sides we will be closing the two, both sides ha? Not only not one. Okay? Temporary*
707 *closure.*
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709 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**
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711 *From junction Borrromeo to P. Reyes.*
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713 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**
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715 *Ah ok, the junction there.*
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717 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**
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719 *Oh tapos close na sab nato ang Kody's para makasuyod pa gihapon ang sakyanan*
720 *kutob ra sa Kodys.*
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722 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**
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724 *Okay.*
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726 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**
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728 *Kay taas pa ang baktasonon.*
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730 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**
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732 *You just include that, that the area will be from the Kody's towards the junction of*
733 *P. Reyes, Borrromeo closed. So that would be an amendment that would be under Section*
734 *4 and Section 4 will be Section 5, Section 6 and then Section 7. As the Presiding Officer,*

I'll just have it that we can immediately have the amendment. By adding the area to be closed for traffic. Okay? Any other amendment to the proposed Ordinance? If there is none, then we'll go to... Is there any? Can you move for the closure of the floor deliberation under second reading and approved this under second reading?

There being no more other discussions and/or amendments, the deliberation on second reading was closed. Thereafter, since the matter was denominated as urgent, a motion to take up and approved the same on third and final reading was presented.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Ah Mr. Chair, I move that the Ordinance requesting for a Temporary Road Closure this coming November 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the portion of City Boulevard Adjacent to the City Lighthouse be approved on third and final reading.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian , seconded by Honorable Caceres R. Azarcon, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the following Ordinance, be as it is hereby enacted, to wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 485

Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING VENUE FOR THE JESUS REIGNS CELEBRATION OF THE SURIGAO EVANGELICAL CHURCHES AND MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP (SECAMFEL), CLOSING CITY STREET OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao hereby **ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1: Jesus Reigns: A day of Celebration is an event being held simultaneously across the 82 provinces of the Philippines to honor one Lord and to declare one voice and as one Nation Jesus Reigns;

SECTION 2: This event is hoped to bring at least 2,000 to 3,000 Christians believers Province wide. This year's Theme is "Intimacy with the word (Palms 119:23 - 35) Lord Jesus himself is the living word (John 1:1 and 14);

SECTION 3: The Surigao Evangelical Churches and ministers fellowship (SECAMFEL) will have its venue at the city boulevard area adjacent to the City Pier light house on November 27, 2023 from 1:00PM to 7:00PM;

SECTION 4: Closure of a City Street or Portions Thereof. Both sides of the road from the Corner of P. Reyes Street and Borromeo Street (IBP Building up to TT and Company) towards the area of Kody's Music Bar of the Surigao City Boulevard is hereby closed for the duration of the event;

SECTION 5: Safety and precautions. Event organizers shall address any concerns and will closely work with local authorities to ensure the safety of the participants.

SECTION 6: Separability clause. Should any provision of the ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provision not declared so shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 7: Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

Enacted on November 23, 2023.

SPONSORED BY: HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN

Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities

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C. Business of the Day:

2nd Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Providing for an Ecological Solid Waste Management, Creating the Necessary Institutional Mechanisms and Incentives, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes (By: Committee on Environment and Natural Resources)

Hon. Catre was recognized.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I moved that the proposed Ordinance titled an Ordinance providing for an Ecological Solid Waste Management Creating the Necessary Institutional Mechanisms and Incentives, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes be taken up on 2nd reading Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ah this is now under second reading, so we will now start with the floor deliberation.

Hon. Catre requested to suspend the rules to invite the resource persons to join the discussion. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Ah Ma'am Sandie please read the proposed Ordinance by section. So we can immediately move for amendments if needed. Thank you.

MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:

So this is the proposed Ordinance. Good afternoon everyone. Ah Section 1, the title of the Ordinance is this Ordinance shall be known as the Surigao City, Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance of 2023.

Section 2 is the Declaration of Policies. It is hereby declared the policy of the city to adopt implement a comprehensive integrated and ecological solid waste management program, which shall (a) ensure the protection of public health and environment of the city (b) Set guidelines and targets for solid waste management through volume and source

reduction, waste, minimization and diversion measures, including composting, recycling, reuse, recovery charcoal processes and other solid waste management technologies to be undertaken by either households, Barangays, Puroks, and institutions, academe, non-government organizations, national government agencies, industries, commercial and business establishments.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Mr. Chairman, may we request ah is it alright if we proceed with the salient provisions of this Ordinance?

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ah yes, upon the request of the proponent ah himself you can.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Ah Mr. Chairman to abbreviate the ...the discussions may I just request that the ...this resource person will just discuss on the purpose, purpose of this Ordinance.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, we will just go straight to the...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

And then will go to the penal provisions.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Penal provision. Yes, I agree with you that... What are those that ah we will like to have?

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Article 4, I believe Mr. Chairman is important.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Article 4. Okay, Article 4, we start with Article 4, Madam Resource person.

MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:

Article 4 is the Segregation of Wastes. Section 6. Mandatory Segregation of Solid Waste-The segregation of waste shall be mandatory. Segregations shall primarily be conducted at source to include households, commercial, institutional market areas, industrial sources, transport facilities and utilities, agricultural areas and construction business. In addition to the fine to be imposed for non-segregation as prescribed in this Ordinance, unsegregated wastes shall not be collected.

Section 7. Categories of Solid Wastes. Solid waste...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Mr. Chairman, in other words this Ordinance is for the purpose of segregation of solid waste.

902 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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904 *Yes, Mr. Chairman.*

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906 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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908 *Yes, Okay.*

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910 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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912 *Categories...*

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914 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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916 *And then with the colatilla that if we do not segregate you will ah, the garbage.*

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918 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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920 *Shall not be collected.*

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922 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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924 *Shall not be collected.*

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926 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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928 *Because that is the ah first ah ano pa...first ah stipulated in RA 9003 that we have*
 929 *to segregate ah our wastes, that is according to...*

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931 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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933 *Solid waste.*

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935 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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937 *RA 9003.*

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939 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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941 *Okay.*

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943 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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945 *So that's clear that once approved, no segregation, no collection . Okay? Section*
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948 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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950 *Section 7. Categories of Solid wastes. Solid waste shall be segregated into the*
 951 *following categories. Letter (a) is biodegradable, recyclable or reusable, residual and*
 952 *special waste. Section...*

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954 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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956 *So now ah, I think we should ah proceed now with the section 20.*

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958 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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Section 20. Okay.

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962 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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Section 20 is important, Mr. Chairman.

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967 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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Accreditation, Mr. Chair?

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971 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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Collection of Biodegradable Waste, Section 20, Collection.

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975 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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This biodegradable is malata? Diba? Is that correct? Non-biodegradable ah dili, dili malata?

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980 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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Yes, Mr. Chairman. In rural areas, it will not be. There will be no collection waste from rural barangays except in the urban households. Kay we are required to recycle, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Sandie please go ahead.

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

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You read Section 20.

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MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:

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Section 20, Collection.

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

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The biodegradable is malata?

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MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:

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Yes, Mr. Chair.

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

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MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:

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Collection of Biodegradable Waste. There will be no collection waste from rural barangays except in the urban households and establishment where backyard composting is not feasible due to inadequacy of space requirements provided that the collection of biodegradable waste shall have a corresponding fee.

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

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1015 *How do you explain that? In a layman's language, so that those who will be hearing*
 1016 *us will understand this.*

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 1018 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1020 *So ah walay collections sa... no collection sa rural barangays.*

1021 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1023 *How do you?*

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 1025 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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 1027 *Mr. Chair, May I move for an, amendment. That the... I propose that we name the*
 1028 *urban barangays.*

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 1030 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1032 *Okay.*

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 1034 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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 1036 *To be specific.*

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 1038 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1040 *Ah para maklaro.*

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 1042 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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 1044 *Yes, Mr. Chairman.*

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 1046 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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 1048 *Mr. Chair. What do we? What do we mean by no collection?*

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 1050 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1052 *Of biodegradable.*

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 1054 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1056 *The biodegradable waste, in rural barangays because in rural barangays there is*
 1057 *a lot of...*

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 1059 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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 1061 *So, in other words our garbage truck will not collect?*

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 1063 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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 1065 *Yes, Mr. Chair. No Mr. Chairman, because we are required those in the rural areas,*
 1066 *we are required to recycle.*

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 1068 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1070 *Because in the rural barangays, there are many vacant lots, or areas so for*
 1071 *composting.*

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1073 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1075 *To encourage them na composting.*

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1077 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1079 *They are required to ...Yes, a backyard composting.*

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1081 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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1083 *Yes, that is why only rural barangays except.*

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1085 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1087 *So sa the urban barangays, Mr. Chairman, shall be ah Washington, Brgy.*
1088 *Washington Taft, Luna.*

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1090 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1092 *Specified.*

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1094 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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1096 *Canlanipa, San Juan.*

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1098 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1100 *Canlanipa, San Juan and Taft.*

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1102 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1104 *It should be specified in the Ordinance, Mr. Chairman? Because we cannot just*
1105 *simply assume that this barangay is rural, this barangay is ah urban.*

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1107 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1109 *Exactly, Mr. Chairman. So that is my proposal.*

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1111 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1113 *We will go to the period of discussion, ah amendment later on, but for the moment*
1114 *there is now a manifestation of the sponsor himself, that we will indicate who are those*
1115 *rural barangays that will be included under section 20. Okay? So we go to section 21. This*
1116 *is duha ka twen, this is 21. Okay? Accreditation, that should be section 21, not section 20.*

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1118 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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1120 *Ah Excuse me, Mr. Chair I think murag dili ni ang updated. Attorney?*

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1122 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1124 *Let us just defer this, Mr. Chairman.*

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1126 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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1128 *Mr. Chairman I'm curious about the role of barangays in section 17. There is a*
 1129 *statement there that the barangays will be responsible for the transportation? Of their*
 1130 *waste to where? Haman dapit e- transport?*

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 1132 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1134 *At the disposal facility.*

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 1136 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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 1138 *Ha?*

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 1140 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1142 *At the ...ah ang... the barangay is responsible for the biodegradable wastes and*
 1143 *the recyclable waste, so they will collect that in.. through the households at the barangay*
 1144 *will collect those kinds of wastes. And then the city will collect those types of those residual*
 1145 *waste.*

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 1147 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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 1149 *Taympa huh? Haman to? 'di medjo vague sija madam. Consistent with the*
 1150 *Provisions of Republic Act 9003, Barangay Local Government Unit shall be responsible*
 1151 *for the collection and transport of the biodegradable and recyclable waste generated from*
 1152 *the response, respective barangays. Haman nila e- transport? Sa sanitary landfill?*

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 1154 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1156 *In their MRF.*

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 1158 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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 1160 *Ah ibutang palihog, then it should also be state, I would suggest ra hu, that should*
 1161 *be stated it from there, it will be picked up by the city government. Sakto ba?*

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 1163 **MS. SANDIE A. CAGATA:**

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 1165 *Oo, from the biodegradable waste we encourage the barangays to have their*
 1166 *composting facility. For the recyclable they can have alternative technology like the plastic*
 1167 *bottles they can use that as for planting materials they can reuse that one or they can sell*
 1168 *that to junkshops, so it depends sa barangays kung unsaon nila ang recyclable waste.*

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 1170 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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 1172 *Mr. Chairman?*

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 1174 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:**

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 1176 *Mr. Chairman, we have already submitted a better copy than this one.*

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 1178 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:**

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 1180 *Proposed Ordinance, thank you Mr. Chairman.*

1181 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER**

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1183 *Thank you, resource persons, but you will have to be back we will probably have*
 1184 *a committee hearing as committee as a whole so that we will not eat time of our time here*
 1185 *sa session and I will just we can have this calendared for committee as a whole hearing*
 1186 *and submit to us a new version the updated version so that the... and in printed copies so*
 1187 *that we can give you, we can guide you we can also give our comments in that committee*
 1188 *as a whole hearing and make sure that you're prepared to answer the queries that will be*
 1189 *propounded by the members of this council. In next week probably scheduled committee as*
 1190 *a whole meeting.*

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 1192 The discussion on the Proposed Ordinance was suspended. Consequently, a
 1193 Committee as a Whole hearing was set on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 4:00 PM to
 1194 discuss the matter with the request that the Proposed Ordinance be proof-read and printed
 1195 copies be distributed to the members of the council.
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1197 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1199 *So, CP Foods Wednesday budget on Tuesday afternoon and then 4:00 o'clock you*
 1200 *gentlemen and lady to be back here at 3:00 o'clock on Tuesday, if you have some other*
 1201 *persons knowledgeable more on this ah so much the better so that we can discuss it. We*
 1202 *will have to discuss it item per item so that we can be guided accordingly, okay? So,*
 1203 *prepare yourselves gentlemen and lady. The lady here should be the spokesperson of the*
 1204 *group and prepare yourselves to be.. to answer some questions that would be propounded*
 1205 *by the members of this council in a committee hearing not the session, okay?*
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1207 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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 1209 *Mr. Chair?*

1210 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1212 *Yes?*
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1214 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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 1216 *Mr. Chair, isa ka query ra gajud Mr. Chair regarding ining mandatory segregation*
 1217 *inin sa Section 6, ah day uno man ato himoon day jaon ipamuko na ang basura gikan sa*
 1218 *sakyanan na di naman nijo kolektahon kaha kung kuan na mga initsha naman nila jaon.*
 1219 *Way problema sa household kay motuman man jaon ton manlabayay ra na ipang itcha ra*
 1220 *ton basura sa...*

1221 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1223 *We will discuss that Tuesday. We will allow Mr. Engineer Boquid to be here. Who*
 1224 *will be responsible for the collection, by the way? It is the ENRO or the GSO? GSO pa*
 1225 *gihapon?*
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1227 **MR. RAUL TARPIN:**

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 1229 *GSO.*

1230 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 1232 *Okay. Di sa residual gani ah, okay? You include the GSO to be here so that he can*
 1233 *respond to the query of Councilor Abian. 2:00 o'clock budget 4:00 o'clock proposed*
 1234 *ordinance but they have be to here at three to prepare.*
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RULES ARE REINSTATED.

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3rd Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Creating the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (City ENRO) in the City of Surigao, defining its Functions and Providing Funds Therefor

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER

Is there any objection to have this approve on third and final reading? If there is none the said propose ordinance is hereby approve on the third and final reading.

On motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., seconded by Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the following Ordinance, be as it is hereby enacted, to wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 486
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (CITY ENRO) IN THE CITY OF SURIGAO, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, certain powers and responsibilities have been devolved to local government units including the enforcement of laws for the protection and conservation of the environment and natural resources, preparation and implementation of solid waste disposal system and environmental management system, monitoring of water and soil resource utilization and conservation, and management of other environment concerns; and along this trend, Section 454-B of the Local Government Code authorizes the City Mayor to appoint a City Environment and Natural Resources Officer whose the qualifications, powers, and duties are also stipulated under Section 484 of the same;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of the same code grants authority to local government units to design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission;

WHEREAS, CSC Memorandum Circular No. 12, Series of 2022 provides the revised guidelines and standards in the establishment of organizational structure and staffing patterns in the local government units and Section 3 thereof stipulates that the LGU may create, among other offices, the Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer;

WHEREAS, to effectively discharge the devolved and emerging functions related to environment and natural resources, there is a pressing need not only to appoint an Environment and Natural Resources Officer but also to create an office that is specifically mandated to pursue with vigor the sustainable programs and projects directly related to the environment, consistent with the commitments of local and national governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao in session assembled;

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Creating the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (City ENRO) in the City of Surigao, Defining its Functions, and Providing Funds Therefor."

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall be in effect within the geographical authority of Surigao City and shall be observed by the City Government, including all its branches, instrumentalities, and subdivisions.

SECTION 3. CREATION. It is hereby created a City Environment and Natural Resources Office as a separate and distinct department of the City Government of Surigao.

SECTION 4. GENERAL FUNCTIONS: The following are the functions of the ENRO as created;

4.1 Enforce/implement national laws and local ordinances regulating the emission/ discharge of harmful substances to the atmosphere, and water systems, solid waste management policies and directives, and recommend for the apprehension of violators and abatement of the pollution;

4.2 Manage the ecological and natural resources of the city, primarily promoting sustainability of local resources, such as but not limited to forests, watersheds, rivers, coasts and fishing grounds;

4.3 Implement programs for the protection and preservation of the environment, as well as rehabilitation of areas critically affected by industries, effects of natural calamities, result of man-made activities, etc.;

4.4 Provide technical assistance to the Local Chief Executive and the Legislative branch on policy and decision-making;

4.5 Conduct continuing education for the city's constituents stressing on environmental stewardship, awareness and responsibility;

4.6 Gather and maintain records of environmental data, activities, assets and compliments and evaluate the state of environment of the City;

4.7 Coordinate environmental activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the city;

4.8 Facilitate capacity building for local adaptation planning, implementation and monitoring of climate change initiatives in vulnerable communities and areas;

4.9 Recommend key development investments in climate- sensitive sectors such as water resources, agriculture, forestry, coastal and marine resources, health, and infrastructure to ensure the achievement of local sustainable development goals.

SECTION 5. – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN:

5.1 THE CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER.

The City ENRO shall be headed by a City Government Department Head I (City Environment and Natural Resources Officer) * with salary grade 25.

As provided under Section 484 of the Local Government Code, the City ENRO shall have the following qualifications:

- (a) a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any related course from a recognized college or university;
- (b) a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent;
- (c) must have acquired experience in environmental and natural resources

- management, conservation, and utilization, of at least five (5) years;
 (d) of good moral character and a resident of the local government unit concerned

5.2 ASSISTANT CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER. Subject to availability of funds, the City Government of Surigao may create a City Government Assistant Department Head I (Assistant City Environment and Natural Resources Officer) with salary grade 23 and shall be appointed based on the Qualification Standards set by the Civil Service Commission.

5.3 DIVISIONS UNDER THE CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE. The CITY ENRO shall be composed of three divisions and shall have the following staffing pattern. The actual creation of regular positions, however, shall be subject to availability of funds:

5.3.1 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – shall be led by a Supervising Administrative Officer (Administrative Officer IV) SG22

a) Administrative Support Services and Records Section

1. Administrative Officer V (Administrative Officer III) SG 18 – section chief*
2. Administrative Officer IV (Administrative Officer II) SG 15
3. Administrative Officer II (Administrative Officer I) SG 11
4. Administrative Officer I (Records Officer I) SG 10
5. Administrative Assistant III (Computer Operator II) SG 9
6. Administrative Aide III (Driver I) SG 3
7. Administrative Aide II (Messenger) SG 2

b) Supply and Financial Management Section

1. Administrative Officer III (Supply Officer II) SG 14
2. Administrative Assistant III (Computer Operator II) SG 9
3. Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker I) SG 1

5.3.2 INTEGRATED WASTE/ POLLUTION MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT DIVISION – this division shall be led by a Supervising Environmental Management Specialist with salary grade 22.

a) Waste Management/ IEC Advocacy/ Enforcement Management Section

1. Senior Environmental Management Specialist SG 18 – section chief
2. Environmental Management Specialist II SG 15*
3. Environmental Management Specialist I SG 11

b) Sanitary Landfill/Waste Treatment Disposal Facility Management Section

1. Senior Environmental Management Specialist SG 18* – section chief
2. Environmental Management Specialist II SG 15
3. Environmental Management Specialist I SG 11

5.3.3 SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/ CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION – shall be led by a Supervising Environmental Management Specialist with salary grade 22

- a) Sustainable Resources Management and Protection Section**
1. Senior Environmental Management Specialist SG 18 – section chief
 2. Environmental Management Specialist II SG 15
 3. Environmental Management Specialist I SG 11

- b) Forest and Water Resources Management Section**
1. Senior Environmental Management Specialist SG 18 – section chief
 2. Environmental Management Specialist II SG 15*
 3. Environmental Management Specialist I SG 11

*existing positions in the plantilla of personnel

SECTION 6. GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIVISIONS

6.1 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION DIVISION

- Maintain records of personnel, including but not limited to Personnel Data Sheet (PDS), Performance Evaluation Form (PEF), Daily Time Record (DTR), Leave of Absence, etc.
- Prepare necessary documents for the procurement of supplies and equipment, as well as maintain records and inventory of supplies and equipment according to government standards and forms;
- Facilitate internal and external communications and maintain a centralized record management system for the department;
- Facilitate official transactions for department personnel, including following- up of procurement documents, payments/reimbursements and such other documents relative to the function of the office;
- Assess and prepare performance evaluations of personnel, as well as formulate a system for easy review and referencing;
- Prepare financial and administrative plans for the department as well as annual financial and administrative reports;
- Manages the issuance of permits and licenses related to environmental regulations, such as environmental impact assessments, tree cutting permits, and waste management permits. Ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Develop and implement environmental plans, policies, and programs to promote sustainable development, conservation, and protection of natural resources within the city.

6.2 INTEGRATED WASTE/ POLLUTION MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT DIVISION

- Developing and implementing waste management plans and strategies to optimize waste diversion, recycling, and disposal practices;
- Overseeing the segregation and sorting of incoming waste to separate recyclable materials, hazardous waste, and non-recyclable waste. This may involve coordinating with waste collection teams and operating sorting equipment;
- Implementing pollution control measures to minimize environmental impacts associated with landfill operations. This may include monitoring and managing air emissions, leachate, and landfill gas, and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations;
- Managing the treatment and disposal of waste materials that cannot be recycled or reused;
- Ensuring compliance with local, regional, and national regulations

- related to waste management and pollution control;
- Supervising and providing guidance to staff members involved in waste management and treatment activities;
- Conducting regular environmental monitoring to assess the impact of landfill operations on soil, water, and air quality;
- Collaborating with local communities, stakeholders, and regulatory agencies to address concerns, provide information on waste management practices, and promote environmental education and awareness;
- Recommend policies to eliminate barriers to waste reduction programs and maintain, service and operate the Ecological Center and all facilities within it and those attached to its operation such as the garbage collection, the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the Sanitary Landfill, the Receiving Area and Sorting Area and other facilities and equipment within the Facility.

6.3 SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/ CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Develops policies and guidelines related to sustainable resource use and environmental protection/ conservation management;
- Conducts assessments to evaluate the availability and condition of various natural resources, such as water, forests, minerals, and biodiversity. It monitors resource utilization and identifies areas where sustainable practices need to be implemented or improved;
- Develops and implements strategies for conserving and protecting environmentally sensitive areas, endangered species, and critical ecosystems;
- Promotes sustainable practices for resource extraction, utilization, and management;
- Conduct regular inspections and enforce regulations to ensure compliance with sustainable practices and environmental protection standards;

SECTION 7. BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT. The appropriation for the salaries of existing positions as well as the maintenance and operational cost of the department shall be included every year in the annual budget.

SECTION 8. APPLICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. The Civil Service Laws shall apply to all personnel of the office and shall be properly observed. The positions, both existing and to be created, shall conform with the qualification standards set by the Civil Service Commission.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any provision of this ordinance or parts thereof is declared unconstitutional, the other parts not so affected, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Enacted on November 23, 2023.

SPONSORED BY: **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.**
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

Hon. Edulzura was recognized.

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Ladies and gentlemen, Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, good afternoon. Today, I stand before you with gratitude, humility, and an overwhelming sense of responsibility.

As I begin a path that will hopefully bring the youth together, growth, and change. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Jenelyn and Edulzura, a 4th year student of St. Jude Thaddeus Institute of Technology and taking up the course of Bachelor of Science in Customs Administration. I am the daughter of Mr. Noe Limosniro and Mrs. Jane Limosniro. I am a resident of Barangay Quezon. I have a passion for helping others and my advocacy is Education.

I believe that expensive quality education is a big set back to one person's abilities, talents, and dreams. Truly, each individual has a bright future, and giving such opportunity to students will help them to pursue and achieve their dreams. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of those who have placed their trust and confidence in me to lead the Sangguniang Kabataan. I will not take this responsibility lightly, and I'm determined to give my all to the well-being and advancement of our young people. I am aware of the challenges that lie ahead, but these challenges serve as stepping stones for development. We will meet these obstacles head-on with determination, creativity, and an unwavering dedication to improving the lives of the youth. As the SK Federated President, and an ex-officio member of this Honorable council representing the SK, I aspire to lead the youth in creating positive change through the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and create a space where the voices of the youth can be heard and amplified. I humbly ask the Honorable members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for your support in the holistic development of our youth.

In conclusion, I stand before you today not as an individual leader but as a representative of the collective aspiration and dreams of the youth in our community. Thank you and to God be all the glory.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER

Thank you very much Councilor Edulzura, can you yield to some question from the members of this Council or not? Any ah, Councilor Azarcon has reserve his question earlier so you can go ahead Councilor Azarcon. She's yielding to your request.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Ah Madam Jenelyn my question is a little bit personal, yes because you said earlier that your parents... the surname of your parents are Limosniro but your surname here is Edulzura, why is that so?

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Sa ah, two register family name and nakaregister sa ako sir ang illegitimate..

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

You have two family names?

1585 **HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:**

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1587 *Yeah, Limosniro and Edulzura and nakaregister but ang sa PSA man an na follow*
 1588 *gud which is ang Edulzura.*

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1590 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1592 *Ah okay, that's all, Councilor Geli?*

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1594 **HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:**

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1596 *My question is, you being the new SK Federated President automatically you will*
 1597 *be the Chairman of the Committee on Youth.*

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1599 **HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:**

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1601 *Yes.*

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1603 **HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI**

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1605 *And composition of the committee was made prior what I'm saying is, some of the*
 1606 *members are already members of the committee and I think you being the new Chairman*
 1607 *I think you can create a new composition of the committee if you choose, kay ako man ang*
 1608 *Vice Chairman I think Sebastian Nagas is also a member I think we can make another*
 1609 *committee if you want to make a new composition. I think...*

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1611 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1613 *You can make Honorable Batang as your Vice Chairman sa Youth.*

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1615 **HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:**

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1617 *Yes, that's my...*

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1619 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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1621 *Under the rules it will be the prerogative of the chairman to choose the members.*

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1623 **HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:**

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1625 *Yes, that's why I'm asking you the question.*

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1627 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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1629 *That's why I'm suggesting, Mr. Chairman ulitawo man sab si Honorable Batang.*

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1631 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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1633 *I second the suggestion of the Honorable...*

1634 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER**

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1636 *In other words Councilor, it is your prerogative to choose who will be your*
 1637 *members in the Committee on Youth. So there is the suggestion that of one of whom is*
 1638 *Councilor Abian if you choose him to be a member of your committee, and you have to*
 1639 *submit that to us because that will be recorded. That this will be the choice that you can*
 1640 *have as members of the Committee on Youth, okay?*

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Yes, Sir.

Hon. Casurra was recognized.

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

Thank you Mr. Chair, the Honorable Presiding Officer Vice Mayor Alfonso “Pons” Casurra, esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, fellow public servants and sa tanan Surigaonons, marajaw na hapon sa tanan. Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Karl Duane A. Casurra, 40 years old married with three kids and also I am the son of Attorney Alfonso S. Casurra and Rosemarie A. Casurra. Formerly, I am the School Principal of Fun To Learn Kinder Center and Fun To Learn Christian Faith Academy Incorporated. So, today I stand before you with profound sense of duty and gratitude as I take on the privilege and responsibility of serving as the new City Councilor for Surigao City. It is both an honor and humbling experience to be entrusted with this position succeeding the esteemed Councilor Christopher “Boyot” Bonite, who has contributed significantly to the progress of our city and is now bringing his leadership to Barangay Washington.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude also to our Provincial Governor, Hon. Robert Lyndon Barbers for his unwavering support and administering my Oath of Office along with Congressman Robert Ace Barbers of District II, and to our political party President Manny B. Villar, Jr., Nationalista Party, for giving me the New Appointment and the Certificate of Membership as part of the Nationalista Party and to our City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao, II for his support and believe in me. To all my colleagues of the Nationalista Party here in this August body, to Barangay Captain Christopher “Boyot” Bonite and to the Honorable Presiding Officer Alfonso “Pons” Casurra, salamat karadjaw sa supporta nijo kanunay.

As I step into this new role. I am mindful of the diverse voices that make up the Surigaonons. I am here not just a representative, but also a listener, ready to hear the stories, concerns and aspirations of my fellow Surigaonons. My office will be an open door and I encourage active engagement from all sectors of our community. Assuming this office, this is not merely a political appointment, it is a sacred duty, a call to serve, protect and advance the ideas that define the very essence of Surigaonons. I am not just a replacement Councilor, I will be the voice, your advocate, and your partner in the journey toward a Surigao that leaves no citizen behind. I am eager to collaborate with my esteemed colleagues here, in the Sangguniang Panlungsod to craft policies that uplift the lives of every Surigaonon. Together, let us work towards a Surigao that prioritizes the well-being of its people, fosters economic growth, and promotes a progressive and sustainable City.

In closing, let me express my gratitude to those who have paved the way and to those who stand with me today. My parents, my wife and children, our family members, friends and supporters and mentors for their unwavering support. Together, let us embark on this journey with optimism, dedication and shared commitment to the prosperity and well-being of Surigao City.

Salamat Karadjaw sa ijo pagsalig og paghatag ng oportunidad kanunay ta na magtinabangay para sa progresibo og mabungahong Surigao. Mabuhay ang Surigao, mabuhay tayong lahat. Thank you.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Can we have a group picture together with the award that we received so that we can have, and then, we will have our snacks later.

Before we have the other matters, I would like to revert back to some item that we have to pass today. And that is the resolution that will be extended to two (2) outgoing members of this council, Honorable Rico Nagas and Honorable Christopher Bonite. I would like to have the Committee on Rules, Councilor Azarcon to do the honors of sponsoring a resolution. You have the floor now, Councilor Azarcon. The council, Councilor Azarcon is hereby recognized to sponsor the resolution.

HON. CACEL AZARCON:

Thank you.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Go ahead. Councilor Azarcon.

HON. CACEL AZARCON:

Mr. Chairman, my fellow honorable members of this council, may I move that a resolution be passed granting our appreciation and commendation to Hon. Rico A. Nagas and Honorable Christopher T. Bonite.

Resolution or plaque of appreciation and commendation is given to Honorable Rico A. Nagas.

Whereas, Honorable Rico A. Nagas served as President of the Liga of mga Barangay of the City of Surigao from the period July 16, 2018 to October 2023.

Whereas, throughout his public life and being the President of the Liga ng mga Barangay, Honorable Rico A. Nagas has shown his relentless vision for a more developed and progressive Surigao City with the full support of the 54 barangays. He is a truly committed and humble public servant, with his accomplishments which are undeniably monumental and are already part of the City.

Whereas, during his tenure, Honorable Rico A. Nagas has actively embraced the needs of the Local Government Code of the Philippines as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. His unwavering support to the honorable council and diligence in his craft as a legislator, have paved way to a milestone of accomplishments of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Now, therefore, on motion of Hon. Cacel R. Azarcon, duly seconded by, all the SP members present, it was unanimously resolved that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao expresses its profound appreciation and commendation to Honorable Rico A. Nagas for his invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the people of Surigao City as Liga ng mga Barangay President of the City of Surigao from July 16, 2018 to October 2023.

Given this 23rd day of November 2023 at Surigao City, Signed Edna B. Siega, Acting Sangguniang Secretary, certified Alfonso S. Casurra, City Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer and approved by Honorable Pablo Yves L. Dumlao, II, City Mayor.

Congratulations.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

We can have the second, so that we can have a joint Resolution.

HON. CACEL AZARCON:

Second plaque of appreciation and commendation is given to Honorable Christopher T. Bonite.

Whereas, Honorable Christopher T. Bonite, an incumbent SB member of the City of Surigao, was proclaimed as the duly elected Punong Barangay of Barangay Washington, this City in the October 30, 2023 BSK Elections and has taken his Oath of Office to the said position on November 3, 2023.

Whereas, Honorable Christopher T. Bonite served as a City Councilor of the City of Surigao from the period July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.

Whereas, for a short period of time as a City Councilor. Honorable Bonite is a truly committed and humble public servant, and generated a number of resolutions and have been passed and successfully implemented.

Whereas, during his tenure, Honorable Bonite actively embraced the mandates of the Local Government Code of the Philippines as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. His unwavering support to the honorable council and diligence in his craft as a legislator have paved way to a milestone of accomplishments of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Now, therefore, on motion on, of Honorable Cacer R. Azarcon, duly seconded by all the SP members present, it was unanimously resolved that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao expresses its profound appreciation and commendation to Honorable Christopher T. Bonite for his invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the people of Surigao City, as a City Councilor of the City of Surigao from July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.

Given this 23rd day of November 2023 at Surigao City. Signed Edna B. Siega, Acting Sanggunian Secretary. Certified, Alfonso S. Casurra, City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer and approved by Honorable Pablo Yves L. Dumalo, II, City Mayor.

May I therefore move, Mr. Chairman, that the aforementioned resolutions be approved by this Honorable Council? I, so move, Mr. Chairman,

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

Plaque of Appreciation & Commendation

is awarded to

HONORABLE RICO A. NAGAS

RESOLUTION NO. 257 - 2023

WHEREAS, Honorable Rico A. Nagas served as President of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay of the City of Surigao from the period July 16, 2018 to October 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, throughout his public life and being the President of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay, Hon. Rico A. Nagas has shown his relentless vision for a more developed and progressive Surigao City with the full support of the 54 barangays, he is a truly committed and humble public servant, with his accomplishments which are undeniably monumental and are already part of this city;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Hon. Rico A. Nagas has actively embraced the mandates of the Local Government Code of the Philippines as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. His unwavering support to the Honorable Council and diligence in his craft as a legislator have paved way to a milestone of accomplishments of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Caceres R. Azaron, duly seconded by all the SP Members present, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: THAT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO HON. RICO A. NAGAS FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SURIGAO CITY AS LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO FROM JULY 16, 2018 TO OCTOBER 31, 2023.

Given this 23rd day of November, 2023 at Surigao City.

Plaque of Appreciation & Commendation

is awarded to

HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER T. BONITE **RESOLUTION NO. 257 - 2023**

WHEREAS, Honorable Christopher T. Bonite, an incumbent SP Member of the City of Surigao was proclaimed as the duly elected Punong Barangay of Brgy. Washington, this city, in the October 30, 2023 BSK Elections, and has taken his oath of office to the said position on November 3, 2023;

WHEREAS, Honorable Christopher T. Bonite served as a City Councilor of the City of Surigao from the period July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, for a short period of time as a City Councilor, Hon. Bonite is a truly committed and humble public servant, and generated a number of resolutions that have been passed and successfully implemented;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Hon. Bonite actively embraced the mandates of the Local Government Code of the Philippines as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. His unwavering support to the Honorable Council and diligence in his craft as a legislator have paved way to a milestone of accomplishments of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Caceres R. Azarcon, duly seconded by all the SP Members present, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: THAT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO HON. CHRISTOPHER T. BONITE FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SURIGAO CITY AS CITY COUNCILOR OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO FROM JULY 1, 2022 TO OCTOBER 31, 2023.

Given this 23rd day of November, 2023 at Surigao City.

OTHER MATTERS

Hon. Catre was recognized.

HON. CHRISTIAN CATRE, JR.:

Last Tuesday, a lady reported to the police authorities that a tricycle driver fondled her breast. She had her complaint recorded in the police blotter. Aside from reporting the molestation to the police authorities, a friend of the lady victim posted her complaint in social media. The account of the incident became viral.

In reaction, another victim, a member of the LGBTQ, reported the ordeal he suffered while taking a public transport, and he even declared his suspicion, based on the description given by the woman victim, that the driver was the same driver who molested him earlier. To be precise, he said he was molested last June 2023.

As Chairman of the Committee on Women and Children, motu proprio, I initiated an inquiry with the assistance of the police authorities. I took the initiative of conducting an inquiry because I feel that there is a need to protect the women and children who use the public transport. And more importantly, because this month is supposed to be Children's Month. It is ironic that during this children's month, we see women and children being victimized by some people.

The Chief of Police, Colonel Cuadra, sent four policemen, policemen to assist me in my inquiry. We went to the place where she boarded the tricycle to see if there were CCTV cameras in the vicinity. The CCTV footages would have been of great help in identifying the tricycle involved in the incident. Unfortunately, there were no CCTV cameras in the area. Per information of the police authorities, a referral of the matter would have been made to the City Prosecutor's Office had the complainant cooperated with them. Information has it that the complainant is no longer interested to pursue the case. Her disinterest in pursuing her complaint is most unfortunate, because, this might embolden that driver to repeat what he did and victimize another unsuspecting woman or child.

For the sake of our women and children, I call on that victim to pursue her complaint against that driver, and I also call on our fellow public servants in the LTO and the Tricycle Franchising Office to assist if ever she asks for assistance, this lady victim in the name of public service. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's all.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Thank you very much for that information. Of course, we will extend the necessary support to that lady, once she pursues her complaint to the proper authorities and extend the assistance insofar as tracing that culprit by way of the documents that we have here in the Tricycle Franchising and Regulatory Office. Any Other Matter? Yes, Councilor. Abian.

HON, BATANG ABIAN:

An ato CCTV Mr. Chair, di ba na- approved na?

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

That is to be decided upon by this council in the deliberation of the Budget hearing next week. Because that really is something that we should also prioritize. Okay? Make yourselves available Tuesday and... Tuesday and Wednesday so that we can fast track the discussion on the items that we

1921 would like to include in our 2024 National Expenditure Program, or the Annual Budget for 2024. Any
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ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other matters discussed, the session was adjourned at 3:57 o'clock
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*(As to what transpired in the discussion, the transcribed stenographic notes of the same
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APPROVED, this ____ day of November 2023.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing statements, resolutions and the like
1939 were passed and approved by us, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of
1940 Surigao, Province of Surigao del Norte.

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EDNA B. SIEGA
Acting Sanggunian Secretary

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City Councilor

CACEL R. AZARCON
City Councilor

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JOEL E. TINIO
City Councilor

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City Councilor

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City Councilor

JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO
City Councilor

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City Councilor

JENELYN EDULZURA
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City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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