

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 4TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 20, 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. Joel E. Tinio | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Baltazar C. Abian | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr. | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Rico A. Nagas | - ABC President |
| Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura | - SK Federated President |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana | - City Councilor (OT) |
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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of November 20, 2023

OPENING PRAYER

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

OPENING PRAYER

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

Our most Loving God, we worship You, we thank You for
all the blessings that You have bestowed unto us. May our hearts be
filled with the purest intentions and the spirit of humility.
as we start our special session we humbly ask for Your
guidance. Enlighten our minds to come up with the good discussion
and deliberations that would benefit all Surigaonons.
All these we pray in Jesus Name, we pray. 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

Before the roll call was conducted, the Presiding Officer informed the august body that his office received the Oath of Office of Mr. Karl Duane A. Casurra, who officially replaced the position vacated by Hon. Christopher T. Bonite as a member of the Sanggunian Panglungsod after having been elected as the Punong Barangay of Barangay Washington.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Before we take the roll call, I would like to inform this honorable body that we have received the Oath of Office of Mr. Karl Duane A. Casurra, having taken his oath of office this morning after having been appointed by the Provincial Governor, Hon. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers, and after having been nominated by the President and the highest ranking official of the Nationalista Party, Mr. Manny Villar, Jr. And after having given such nomination officially to Mr. Karl Duane A. Casurra to replace the vacant position of the Hon. Christopher T. Bonite, and having received the resolution of this body declaring the position vacated rather the position of the Hon. Christopher T. Bonite having, had a vacancy in view of his being elected as the Punong Barangay of Barangay Washington in the recently concluded October 30, 2023 elections. With the Office of the Vice Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod has already been furnished the credentials of Mr. Karl Duane A. Casurra as the new member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in lieu of Hon. Christopher T. Bonite. I therefore would like to ask, Mr. Karl Duane A. Casurra to present formally the credentials in his possession as being newly appointed member of this council replacing Hon. Christopher Bonite.

Let it be put on record that, we have here the appointment issued by the Hon. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers, Provincial Governor, which says, Pursuant to the provision of the existing laws you are hereby appointed member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Surigao City vice Christopher Bonite. By virtue hereof, you may qualify and perform the duties of the office, furnishing this office, the Office of the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod, Surigao City, the Civil Service Commission and the Commission on Elections with copies of your Oath of Office, signed by Hon. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers, Provincial Governor and accepted by Mr. Karl Duane Aldas Casurra.

We have here the Oath of Office that has been signed, the Sworn Statement of Assets, Liabilities Network as of December 2022. The letter of the official nomination issued by Manuel B. Villar, Jr., NP President and Chairman of the National Directorate which I would like to read.

"This is to certify that the Nationalista Party, a political party duly registered with the Comelec has nominated Karl Duane A. Casurra for the position of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, in Surigao City, Surigao del Norte. This nomination is in line with Section 45, paragraph B of Republic Act 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines. This position became vacant following the resignation of SP member, Christopher T. Bonite who is likewise an NP member."

We have also a copy of certificate of membership that indicates that Kharl Duanne A. Casurra is a member of the Nationalista Party and the Certificate of Membership of the Hon. Chritopher T. Bonite who is likewise a member of the Nationalista Party. We have here the Personal Data Sheet of Karl Duane Aldas Casurra pursuant to the requirement of the DILG. With these documents, we would like to state for the record that Mr. Karl Duane Casurra will

now qualify to take his duty or duties as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, this city vice Hon. Christopher T. Bonite. Welcome to Sangguniang Panlungsod. You can have your seat.

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

Before proceeding to the Business of the Day, Hon. Geli requested the august body to be allowed to render his committee report and the same was included in the Business of the day.

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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as Urgent, forwarding to the City Council the request of the DENR – Caraga to present the draft Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) for the province of Surigao del Norte which also seeks to the City Government of Surigao for its adoption and the issuance of a resolution by the Sangguniang Panlungsod towards such end.

Hon. Catre requested for the suspension of the rules and the Presiding Officer requested the resource person to come forward to explain the draft Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

MARILOU MACABUHAY:

Good Afternoon, Honorable Chair. Good afternoon to all of us. I am Marilou Macabuhay from the DENR Caraga Region. I will be presenting the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Surigao del Norte. So allow me to present this draft plan for seeking for the adoption of this plan from the Local Government Units of Surigao del Norte.

This PBSAP or the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The time frame is from 2015 to 2028, so for Surigao del Norte, our time frame for the localization of this PBSAP is 2024 to 2028. Based on the PBSAP, the vision is, “By 2028, biodiversity is restored and rehabilitated, valued, effectively managed and secured, maintaining ecosystem services to sustain healthy, resilient Filipino communities and delivering benefits to all.”. For the Province of Surigao del Norte, this is the mission that was formulated during various consultations we have conducted, together with the representatives from the various local government units, may I read, “To empower communities and stakeholders through a collaborative process in conserving sustainably the diverse ecosystems.”. So it was emphasized that the management of our biodiversity is not solely the responsibility of the DENR and LGUs, but the communities as a whole. For its vision, “Surigao del Norte is a paradise of a balanced environment and resilient biodiversity, effectively managed by the proactive communities inclusively enjoying sustained ecosystem services by 2028.”.

There are five Strategic Goals formulated under this plan. Strategic Goal 1: Address the underlying causes of conservation and biodiversity loss by strictly enforcing national and local policies in restoring ecosystem functions and services. So, through strict enforcement of our national and local policies, then the Strategic Goal 2: Establish greenbelts and forest tree parks and enhance KBAs for biodiversity integrity simultaneously promoting community-based ecotourism and improving production of fish stocks of economically important species. For Strategic Goal 3: Promote and mainstream biodiversity-friendly agriculture practices, and safeguarding PAs/KBAs/ other effective areas-based conservation measures (OECM)/LCAs across government and society. Then,

168 *Strategic Goal 4: Establish agricultural heritage sites and manage caves and other*
 169 *degraded ecosystems. Then for Strategic Goal 5: Intensify enactment of local policies and*
 170 *ordinances, and strengthen involvement of stakeholders and National Government*
 171 *Agencies in managing identified conservation areas. For the biodiversity of resources of*
 172 *Surigao del Norte, here are the various resources. For the Surigao del Norte, we have two*
 173 *key biodiversity areas, which means if we say key biodiversity areas, these are globally*
 174 *significant areas which inhabits various threatened species. So, from flora and fauna.*
 175 *When we say flora it is more on plants than fauna is animals. So, we have two, the Mt.*
 176 *Hilong-hilong.*
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178 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

179 *What about the protected area in Surigao City? The one in Brazil? Why is it not*
 180 *included, ma'am, in this key biodiversity area?*

181 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

182 *Sir, ang sa kanang sa Parang-parang or the Surigao Watershed Forest Reserve,*
 183 *kani lang siyang na identify sa atoang...during sa... this is a project by the initiated by*
 184 *Haribon since ang nag kuan lang is more on the flyway of kanang murag kuan ba siya sir*
 185 *kanang.*

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

187 *What must we do to be included? Promotion? Is promotion enough?*

188 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

189 *Ang kanang sa...*

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

191 *The Parang-parang watershed reserve area.*

192 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

193 *Parang-parang...Part is promotion pero kani siya Sir existing na siya na list sa*
 194 *Key Biodiversity Areas identified by the Haribon. Tungod kay ang nakita ang kanang*
 195 *ganing flyway luparanan sya ug langgam gikan sa gawas diha bale mo stopover, part na*
 196 *sya ang kanang Mt. Hilong-hilong na range ug kaning sa Siargao Island na KBAs so duha*
 197 *sya ka Key Biodiversity Areas ang na....*

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

200 *Excuse me, Marilou. The areas that you are mentioning right now have been...who*
 201 *determines this again? Haribon Foundation?*

202 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

203 *Haribon and the DENR.*

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

206 *Ah yes, including the DENR?*

207 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

208 Yes, Sir.

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

211 *So, in identifying this biodiversity area, there has got to be some guidelines or*
 212 *requirements that would qualify for one to become a biodiversity area.*

213 Hon. Azarcon informed the body that one of his friends recovered a tarsier in
 214 Bioborjan, Brgy. Rizal. The specie was turned over to the DENR and with the help of
 215 Surigaonon Mountaineers, was released back to its natural habitat.

216 Ms. Macabuhay continued presenting.

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218 **MARILOU MACABUHAY:**

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220 *Then this is our Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan it is anchored ang*
 221 *atoang 20 PBSAP Targets is anchored under the Sustainable Development Goals Target*
 222 *kadtong 17 ka United Nation na goals and then with our Aichi Targets 20 ka Aichi Targets*
 223 *then it is also anchored under the PDP the Philippine Development Plan then the PRRD*
 224 *or the Millennium Development Plan of the Philippines. So, we have 20 targets, of which*
 225 *3 of these is more on the Coastal and Marine na targets. These are mao ni ang atong*
 226 *ilocalized sa province of Surigao del Norte na mga targets.*

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228 *Next next next please, for Target 1, the conservation status of nationally and*
 229 *globally threatened species found in the province from 2016 level is maintained, so kadtong*
 230 *atoang nakita na mga various threatened species of flora and fauna, ang sa dire sa Target*
 231 *1, na dapat mamaintain lang sya noh ang iyahang level. So, kung ang like sa kadtong*
 232 *Philippine Eagle is under critically endangered dapat dili na sija ma kuan pa sa lain na*
 233 *category noh mamaintain ra sya or mabutang sya sa endangered na lang na level. So we*
 234 *have various projects identified under this program the Threatened Biodiversity Species*
 235 *Conservation Program. So, these PPAs were identified during our consultation*
 236 *workshops, series of consultation workshops, held during months of September ah October*
 237 *noh, October.*

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239 *Then next for Target 2. By 2028, there will be no net loss and natural forest covers,*
 240 *so based on the National Target atoa lang syang giadopt noh ang iyahang kani na*
 241 *statements sa Target 2. So, we have also various programs PPAs identified under this*
 242 *target, so for Surigao City the PPAs under this target is the Surigao Watershed Forest*
 243 *Reserve Conservation Project.*

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245 *Then next. For target 3 by 2028 there will be no net loss in presence and area*
 246 *distribution of live coral cover mangroves and seagrasses. So dapat 'tong adto ang*
 247 *coverage noh? oh sa ato ang area distribution sa atoang corals, mangroves and*
 248 *seagrasses, Surigao del Norte. Dili na siya ma, ma decrease, noh? Dapat ma maintain lang*
 249 *siya or ma...kung puwede pa lang e-increase nato noh? ang atoang kuan na... These are*
 250 *also the various ah PPAs identify.*

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252 *Then next. For target 4 conserved and maintained 1% of genetic diversity of*
 253 *cultivated plants and domesticated animals and wild relative... relatives on 2028. So this*
 254 *PPAs or the program is more anchored on the... our Department of Agriculture, noh? from*
 255 *the DA.*

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257 *Then next. For target five, we have the population of migratory bird species*
 258 *identified in selected inland, and coastal wetlands along the East-Asian- Australasian*
 259 *Flyway (EAAF) will be maintained. So, kanang gitawag na East-Asian-Australasian*
 260 *Flyway murag Highway siya, noh? sa mga birds. Wherein ang Philippines is part aning sa*

Flyway ani na mga birds kay during winter sa, like sa Russia or sa China. Kani na mga birds molupad ni sila paingon diri sa atoa, noh? So na identify ang Philippines as a Highway aning or Flyhighway sa kaning mga birds sa migratory birds, so..

For target 6, we have 100% of City and Municipalities in the Province established green spaces such as greenbuilds, forest tree parks, ecoparks, windbreaks and thoroughfares. So, I think this is also one of the SGLG requirement for LGUs ang greenbelts program.

Then, target 7 is the protected areas and local conservation areas within KBAs, noh? Kadto adtoang mga KBAs na, na-identify na duha will be conserved and enhanced. So, kadto pud ang iyahang mga PPAs.

Then target 7. Ah target 8, fish stocks of economically important species within Surigao del Norte, will be increased by 20% through sustainable management of marine protected areas. So more on the MPA management. So this program is ah...we anchored this on the BFAR noh? kay during sa consultations, naa pud didto ang BFAR representatives.

Then for target 9, there will be an increase of at least 2% in biodiversity conservation related jobs. So, more on the program of Blue and Green Jobs Generation Project. Then Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprise project of... kato na mga PPAs noh?

Then sa 10, the key threats to biodiversity will be reduced controlled or effectively managed. So we have issues on Invasive Alien Species, noh? Dapat sad siya ma-regulate, ah tungod kay kaning mga Invasive Alien Species murag naka threatened siya sa atoang mga kanang endemic na mga species. Like kanang sa Agusan Marsh, naa na didto kanang Janitor Fish na murag ang mga ubang native species na fish species nawala na tungod ana niya.

Then target 11, there will be an increase of number and area farms, area of farms recognized for practicing Biodiversity Friendly Agriculture in Surigao del Sur. So more on organic farming, so ang gibutang diri na gi-identify na mga PPAs from various LGU's.

Then target 12 capacity for development, conservation of public and private sector groups, and terrestrial and marine PAs or KBAs will be strengthened. So, more on the capacity development and stakeholders engagement program. So part man to sa atoang mission na dapat ang mga stakeholders or communities mao siyay part sa management sa atong Biodiversity.

Then for target 13, 100% of LGU's will have formulated and adopted the enhanced CLUP using revised HLURB/DHSUD framework. So diri na naka anchored tong ah kuan sa HLURB kadto ilahang gudelines noh? na dapat pud ma adopt ang mga CLUP sa Surigao del Norte.

Then for target 14, at least 315 hectares of degraded ecosystem will be restored or under various restoration stages. It is identified that ang every LGU, Cities City and Municipalities will have 15 hectares. Annually ang ma restore, noh? Ang atoang degraded na nga ecosystem through these PPAs Then next by 2028, there will be at least one agricultural heritage system facilitated for national recognition. So ang nahimo lang siya na sa kuan na PPAs kay murag establishment lang kanang benchmarking lang sa daw kay murag wala pa na kuan kung unsaon ang methodology or kuan aning pag kuan pagpa- recognize sa agricultural farms nato as heritage sites.

Then for target 16, there will be at least 14 caves with management plan that will be conserved and managed by 2028 so 12 man 'tong naa nay management plan. Murag duha ra ang madugang noh? 14 then 8 'tong ah under implementation nang management

plan. So, dapat 6, mga kuan ang madugang pud 6, ani ang madugang na implement through aning various na PPAs.

Then ang 17, 100% of local policies and ordinances and conserving biodiversity are enacted, so this is more on the policy enactment, noh? for our biodiversity conservation.

Then target 18, 100% of City and Municipalities in the Province encourage the participation of the academe and other sectors in the local special bodies. So, ah dapat mahimong part siya, noh? ang atoang mga academes kadtong na identify pud na PPA.

Then target 19, 100% of EMBC. If we say EMBC, it is the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor. So, part ani is ang katong Mt. Hilong-Hilong range is managed through NIPAS and/or other OECMS. Ah, OECMS is Other Effective Conservation Areas Measures noh? Ah through indigenous community conserve areas or ICCAs the local conservation areas. Kung moingon local conservation areas, through identification or through the legislations sa ato ang Local Government Units ang kaning local conservation areas, then critical habitats kung when we say critical habitats, it is more sa DENR pud na side.

For target 20, explore an additional potential areas for developing Biodiversity and declare Municipal Ordinance or Resolution on the preservation of the identified MPA's or sanctuaries. So ang target 20 is more dapat ma increase nato ang atoang mga gipang existing nato na mga Marine protected Areas, noh? Ang iyahang hectarage or iyang coverage. Then based on the budget requirement aning sa LBSAP it is ₱423,409,309.63. Then, next.

Then here is the steps, noh? in the LBSAP formulation. So, ah the preparatory stage, the DENR, ang DENR nga team with our Regional Special Order number 572. We have done our consultations to various LGU's about these PBSAP, or the localization of this PBSAP and with this, our Honorable Governor issued also Executive Number 042 for the Creation of a Local Technical Working Group. So, ang sa Local Technical Working Group sa Province, it is headed by the PENRO, the Provincial ENRO and Co-Chaired by the DENR PENRO, diri na sa DENR na PENRO ug sa PPDO pud. Then, members ani ang atoang mga MENRO and City ENRO.

Then...Data Gathering Stage, we have the DENR facilitated aning collation sa mga various relevant data from regional offices, from provincial and LGUs.

Then we have also our Consultative Workshops, which were done on September 6-7 and October 3-5.

Then the Writing Stage, we have convened the Local Technical Working Group with the DENR Technical Working Group last October 19-20 in Balanghay, Butuan City.

Then, for the last two, mao ning amoang gi-present Sir ang draft na BSAP sa mga diri sa SB and SP para sa adoption ani atoang BSAP.

Then next...thank you. That's all, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

What is now the pending issue that has to be decided and/or approved by this SP? Councilor Catre.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:

375 *Yes, Mr. Chairman. They are asking for a resolution for the adoption of the plan*
 376 *discussed by Ma'am Macabuhay. So, if there are no more questions Mr. Chairman, I move*
 377 *for the reinstatement of the rules.*
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379 **RULES ARE REINSTATED.** Hon. Catre then presented a motion for the adoption
 380 of DENR's Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Surigao del Norte.
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382 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:**
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384 *As Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I move to*
 385 *pass a resolution for the adoption of DENR's Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan*
 386 *for Surigao del Norte. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.*
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388 The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:
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390 **RESOLUTION NO. 247-2023**
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392 **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF**
 393 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) - LOCAL**
 394 **BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (LBSAP) FOR THE**
 395 **PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE.**
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397 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an endorsement from
 398 the City Mayor, re: the request of the DENR - Caraga to present the draft Local Biodiversity
 399 Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) for the province of Surigao del Norte to the City
 400 Council for adoption and issuance of a resolution;
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402 **WHEREAS**, the DENR issued Regional Special Order No. 572 dated August 11,
 403 2023 pertaining to the creation of Regional Technical Working Group for the formulation
 404 of Surigao del Norte Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;
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406 **WHEREAS**, DENR Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Regional
 407 Technical Working Group (PBSAP RTWG) together with the Local TWG of Surigao del
 408 Norte already conducted Consultative Planning Workshop and Writeshop for the
 409 formulation of LBSAP for Surigao del Norte last October 3-5, 2023 and October 19-20,
 410 2023;
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412 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Surigao del Norte LPBSAP is to empower
 413 communities and stakeholders through a collaborative process in conserving sustainably
 414 the diverse ecosystems;
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416 **WHEREAS**, the subsequent step in formulating the LBSAP for Surigao del Norte
 417 involves presenting the draft plan to the respective Local Government Units for adoption
 418 and the issuance of a resolution, aiming to secure approval from the Sangguniang
 419 Panlalawigan on or before December 15, 2023;
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421 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr.
 422 seconded by Honorable Baltzar C. Abian, it was unanimously
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424 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution adopting the Department of Environment and
 425 Natural Resources - Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) for the Province
 426 of Surigao del Norte.
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428 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the
 429 Honorable City Mayor, DENR Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Regional

Technical Working Group, Local TWG of Surigao del Norte and all concerned, this city, for their information and guidance.

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- 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." By Chairman, Committee on Appropriation.

Since the Chairman of the Committee is on official travel, the matter was scheduled on the next Regular Session.

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- Follow-up letter request of the Heirs of Felix Farolan and Laurena Narciso, denominated as Urgent, regarding the repurchase of Lot 889-B located in Barangay Luna, Surigao City, under current Tax Declaration No. K-0253895 (formerly TD No. K-0252403, Felix Farolan) represented by Carlo Reynaldo F. Lozada Jr., Counsel for the Heirs of Felix Farolan and Laurena Narciso. By Chairman, Committee on Rules

Hon. Azarcon was recognized.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Mr. Chairman, we already conducted a committee hearing over the matter, and according to the City Assessor, Administrator and the Legal Officer, they are not really bent on granting the request. And so, if my memory serves me right, I requested the Legal Officer at that time to issue a statement or an opinion so that this matter will be put to rest.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, we'll have just to refer this back to the...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:,

With the request, we refer this matter back to the City Legal Officer with the request that his office or whoever is in-charge over the matter will issue an official opinion or resolution over the request.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

The stand of the Executive Department.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Yes. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, be it. The matter is being referred back to the City Legal Office for the said office to render an opinion as regards the propriety of the said request as the official stand of the Executive Department. Next item.

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Councilor Geli was recognized.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon again to everyone. This is with regards to the indorsement of the City Mayor with regards to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Surigao City LGU and the Surigao Ultra Runners Club for the 2nd Batang Surigaonon Half-Trail Marathon which will be held on November 26, 2023, this Saturday. Given that this indorsement was given prior to the presumption of the position of our new SK Federated Chairman, Jenelyn, it was indorsed to me as being the Vice Chairman of this Committee. With that, Mr. Chair, I will render my committee report.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes, go to the recommendation, straight to the...

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Okay, Mr. Chair. So, as the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, the Committee hereby recommends for a passage of a resolution authorizing the City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the LGU Surigao City and the Surigao Ultra Runners Club for the 2nd Batang Surigaonon Half-Trail Marathon. With that Mr. Chair, I move for the adoption of my committee report.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 248-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SURIGAO AND SURIGAO ULTRA RUNNERS FOR THE 2ND BATANG SURIGAONON HALF TRAIL MARATHON.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an endorsement from the City Mayor, requesting for an authority for him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Surigao Ultra Runners (SUR) for the 2nd Batang Surigaonon 5KM, 10KM, 21KM Trail Run 2023 on November 26, 2023;

WHEREAS, Surigao Ultra Runners (SUR), represented by their President Atty. Israel Guma, has submitted a letter to City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, expressing their willingness to organize the aforementioned event and requesting financial and logistical support from the LGU;

WHEREAS, the event aims to support the Watershed's Vital Conservation and Education initiatives, contributing significantly to Environmental Conservation, Advocacy, Science, and Education while also promoting the Culture and Traditions, with a special focus on highlighting Sitio Brazil of Barangay Mat-i as a major Tourist Destination for Sporting Activities in Surigao City;

WHEREAS, the obligations of the city include providing cash prizes for the winning competitors, and the necessary appropriation for said prizes has been duly approved by our City Budget Officer, Atty. Jeffrey P. Galido;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, 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 the Local Government Unit of Surigao and Surigao Ultra Runners for the 2nd Batang Surigaonon Half Trail Marathon.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, Surigao Ultra Runners and all concerned, this city, for their information and guidance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the session was adjourned at 3:11 o'clock in the afternoon of November 20, 2023.

(As to what transpired in the discussion, the transcribed stenographic notes of the same are kept and filed in the SP Office for record purposes and reference.)

APPROVED, this ____ day of November 2023.

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

EDNA B. SIEGA
Acting Sanggunian Secretary

SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS
City Councilor

CACEL R. AZARCON
City Councilor

JOEL E. TINIO
City Councilor

JOENIL B. ALDONZA
City Councilor

JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI
City Councilor

BALTAZAR C. ABIAN
City Councilor

NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.
City Councilor

JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO
City Councilor

KARL DUANE A. CASURRA
City Councilor

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