

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 39TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra,	City Vice Mayor (Presiding)
Hon. Sebastian Ric A. Nagas,	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. Rico A. Nagas,	ABC President
Hon. Marah I. Adtoon,	SK President

ABSENT:

Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon,	City Councilor (OL)
Hon. Christopher T. Bonite,	City Councilor

The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of November 9,
2023.

OPENING PRAYER

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

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

Heavenly Father, creator of everything in this world,
thank You for the gift of loving family and friends as we are gathered here today.
We pray that You are going to guide us and give us wisdom in our journey in life.
Help us to have a definite direction as we fulfill our works as public servants.
Make our hearts be humble and be open to God's signs and visions for the City of
Surigao and forgive us our sins and weaknesses.
All this we pray 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

58 **ROLL CALL**

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

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65 **PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE**
66 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

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

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75 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 26, 2023,
76 re: Resolution Nos. 233-236, be as it is hereby approved.

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79 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

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82 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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84 *The first in line is the PCL Year-end Assembly for the Philippine Councilors League*
85 *to be held on December 5 to 7 at the World Trade Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila. We*
86 *are forwarding this letter addressed to me, to the members of this Council, who will signify*
87 *their intention to attend this year end assembly of the councilors, Philippine Councilors*
88 *and the... to pre-register on or before November 28, 2023. The registration fee is P17,000*
89 *per delegate to cover for accommodation, meals, venue and other logistical requirements.*

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91 *The other one is the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines semi-annual regional*
92 *assembly and the Local Legislative Award, regional awarding ceremony to be held on*
93 *November 21, 2023 at Butuan Grand Palace Hotel, Butuan City at 1:00 in the afternoon.*
94 *We are happy to inform the members of this council that Surigao City is one of the finalists*
95 *as outstanding legislative body in Caraga Region and are the other ones who are nominees*
96 *are Bayugan City and Tandag City. Butuan City is highly urbanized, so they automatically*
97 *win as the as the winner or rather declared winner because there is only one highly*
98 *urbanized city in Caraga region, but for component city we have Bayugan, Tandag and*
99 *Surigao City. For the municipality we have Carrascal - Surigao del Sur, Claver - Surigao*
100 *del Norte, Hinatuan - Surigao del Sur, Libjo – Dinagat Islands, Tubod - Surigao del Norte*
101 *and Veruela - Agusan del Sur. What else?*

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103 *We also received the letter from the Tricycle and Trisikad Franchising Office*
104 *informing this body that the Bao-bao applicants that were granted, rather, that had applied*
105 *from October 1 to October 31, 2023, numbers 170. And this is the number of franchises*
106 *that we will be issuing to the Bao-bao considering the specific provisions of our ordinance,*
107 *that the application will only be for one month, covering October 1 to October 31. So, this*
108 *is the number of Bao-bao franchises that we will be issuing by virtue of an ordinance that*
109 *will be... That will be...forwarded or rather, that will be presented to this body in the next*
110 *regular session. We now go to the inclusion, amendments and approval of the agenda. If*
111 *there is none, the chair entertains a motion to approve our agenda for today.*

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**INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Hon. Adtoon presented a motion to approve today's agenda, and with the inclusion that the same will exercise her right under the Privilege Hour, but before the approval, Hon. Catre was recognized and presented his point of order with regard to the status of Hon. Rico A. Nagas as President of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay together with Hon. Adtoon as SK Federated President.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

This is actually a point of order, Mr. Chairman. With all due respect to our SK Federated President and our former ABC President. It is my opinion that considering that there have been proclamations already, in fact, the new Barangay Chairman has already assumed office since last Monday. Last Monday. So, it is my belief, therefore, Mr. Chairman, that somebody else should at least make the motion for the approval of the agenda. Considering that technically I believe that they are no longer members of this august body.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Yes, I will answer that because we really had made queries regarding the status of Honorable Adtoon and Honorable Nagas. We have been informed by the Regional Office of the DILG that insofar as Councilor Adtoon, it will really depend upon the completion of the mandatory training of the SK Chairperson and the members of the Council, and per information that was relayed to this body, the mandatory training of the Sangguniang Kabataan newly elected Chair and the members of the Council will be completed tomorrow and immediately, the timeline that they had taken of note is that the election will be by November 14. So, in effect, saying then that, considering that there has not as yet been an SK Federated President that has been chosen from among the 54 SK Federated Chairmen, Councilor Adtoon will remain on a hold over status today, in today's regular session. And that is why it will be a Councilor Adtoon will really sit for the last time in today's regular session, because the successor Councilor Adtoon has not as yet assumed as the SK Federated President.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

But ah, Mr. Chairman, is it not that the Vice-President of the SK should ah... if she was elected again? Should the?

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

There was all of them. Expired.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Has been replaced?

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Yes, expired.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Well in the case of the Honorable ABC President Mr. Rico Nagas sa, it is my opinion that it should be the Vice-President provided that he was elected. Because ah their term of office has expired Mr. Chairman. The new set of Barangay Officials has already assumed the Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

That is also my position yesterday, Councilor Catre. That was my position but I was told that the directive that came from the DILG is that for that meantime that there is not as yet any directive from the DILG, the Liga ng mga Barangay President will set on a hold over status.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

They give a... or pass a memorandum Mr. Chairman ah stating to that effect?

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Ah well, I took it upon myself to consider that as the ruling of the DILG considering that, that was the precise directive that was issued to all the Sanggunian and Sanggunian Bayan Sangguniang Panlungsod Presiding Officers in yesterday's meeting with the Regional DILG Office. Precisely the reason why we had allowed Councilor Nagas and Councilor Adtoon to sit in today's regular session, because of that directive issued to us by the DILG. There has never been any written directive but it was coursed through a directive that was made orally to us in yesterday's discussion with the Regional Office.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Yes. Because way back when it was the late Jesse Robredo was the Secretary of DILG, he issued a memorandum allowing the hold over capacity provided that once the new set of officials has assumed office, then it will immediately end. But ah this is ah, I have nothing against the ABC President and the SK Federated President, I just want to raise that the opinion Mr. Chairman and I am in fact glad that they are here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Yes, that is well taken. In fact, that was also my position when respect to the ABC or Liga ng mga Barangay. But the Regional Office told me that in the absence of any directive, the situation is on a hold over status. We leave it as that for the moment until such time that we will be given a new guideline or we will be guided accordingly, in so far as succeeding memorandum will be issued. But for the moment I will recognized Councilor Adtoon and Councilor Nagas, to sit as members of this Council. Although in the case of Councilor Adtoon it will definitely her last day today in attending this Regular Session. So, we will ah.... In the Agenda there is that the request of Councilor Adtoon that he be allowed, she be allowed to exercise her privilege under the privilege hour so we will place that as ah that she is reserving her right to deliver a privilege speech.

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On motion of Honorable Marah I. Adtoon, duly seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 39th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 09 November 2023, as prepared and presented.

FIRST READING: None

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

a. Committee on Youth and Sports Development—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the Sangguniang Panlungsod to authorize the Honorable City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and Surigao Ultra Runners (SUR) for the 1st Batang Surigaonon 5KM, 10KM, and 21KM Trail Run 2023, 2nd Edition on November 26, 2023.

b. Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council for an authority for him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and St. Jude Thaddeus Institute of Technology regarding their request to accommodate their students for the On-the-Job Training.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council for an authority for him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and Northeastern Mindanao Colleges, regarding their request to accommodate their students for the On-the-Job Training.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the request of the City Human Resource Management and Development Office for a Blanket Authority to allow the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) with various schools to accommodate their students for work immersion and internship programs in the City Government of Surigao.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

This covers the Blanket Authority, that is why I said before that this should be given a Blanket Authority no longer that every time there is a request from the schools, we will have them on one by one. So, if we approved this then the two previous Resolutions or rather the MOA, request will become moot and academic.

c. Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, re: request of Lucky Fortune Bingo Gaming Corporation (LFBGC) under the license of Triple Diamond Gaming Inc. for a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for the set-up and operation of betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the City of Surigao.

d. Committee on Rules—

- Letter from the City Mayor, requesting for an authority for him to enter into a Contract of Service with Atty. Joseph B. Nacario as Compliance Management

Specialist in the Office of the City Legal, for the period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

- Letter from the City Planning and Development Coordinator, forwarding the application of Fish Landing Motorsikad Drivers and Operators Organization for accreditation with the City Government of Surigao as Civil Society Organization.
- Letter from the City Mayor, requesting for an authority for him to enter into Contracts of Service with two (2) new employees in the different offices in the City Government of Surigao for the period of November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- Denominated as Urgent, Proposed Resolution, A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Position of Sangguniang Panlungsod Member of the City of Surigao due to the Automatic Resignation of Hon. Christopher T. Bonite after being Elected as Punong Barangay of Brgy. Washington, Surigao City in the 2023 BSK Elections.

e. Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the request for a legislative action authorizing the City Mayor 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 for the 1,100 sheets of Magnalume 8ft and 539 sheets of plywood 3/16.

f. Committee on Social Welfare—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the proposed ordinances, to wit:
 - An Ordinance Establishing a Senior Citizen Center in Surigao City and its Fifty-Four Barangays, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes;
 - City Ordinance Institutionalizing the Organizational Structure of Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) for its Operation and Management, Creating Necessary Positions per Republic Act 10070, Providing Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes. (to: Committee on Social Welfare)

g. Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities—

- Letter from the City Mayor, denominated as Urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a Subproject Agreement (SA) with the DILG Caraga Regional Office, Butuan City particularly in the engagement of Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (I-QIP) with the Government of the Republic of India.

h. Committee on Health and Sanitation—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreements with Caraga Regional Hospital and NMP Drugstore in view of

the requirement by Philhealth to ensure provisions of medicines and laboratory services.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Hon. Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. The first committee reports deal on Resolution No. 9, Series of 2023, of the Committee on Appraisal.

FACTS: *There was an offer from Mr. Inocencio R. Cortes to sell a parcel of land located at Barangay Cagniog containing an area of eighty thousand square meters (80,000 sqm). Per Committee on Appraisal, the approved schedule of market value of the parcel of land is Five Hundred Pesos per square meter (Php 500.00/sqm) and it was offered for sale to the City Government by Mr. Cortes at Two Hundred Pesos per square meter (Php 200.00/sqm). The Committee on Appraisal finds that the offer to be advantageous to the city and, the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use likewise agree so it is recommended that the City Mayor be given the authority to purchase the parcel of land, by the way it will be used as a new public cemetery.*

PRESIDING OFFICER: VICE MAYOR ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

This is 8 hectares?

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Yes 8 hectares, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Bayana presented a motion for the adoption of his committee report and was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 239 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF LAND WITH AN AREA OF 80,000 SQUARE METERS WITH A PRICE OF TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) PER SQUARE METER LOCATED AT BRGY. CAGNIOG, THIS CITY, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW PUBLIC CEMETERY OF SURIGAO.

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a letter from Inocencio R. Cortes, offering a parcel of land in Brgy. Cagniog, this city for use as the new public cemetery, the chairman convenes the City Appraisal Committee to appraise the property offered for sale to the city government;

WHEREAS, the subject property is described as Lot no. 727, declared in the name of Inocencio R. Cortes with a total area of 133,548 sqm (13.3548 hectares) square meters, classified as Agricultural land (Coco land) under Tax Declaration Number K-0121523 located at Brgy. Cagniog, this city;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cortes, offered for sale 80,000 square meters lot to the city government at P200.00 per square meter;

WHEREAS, per Committee on Appraisal, the approved schedule of market value of the parcel of land is Five Hundred Pesos per square meter (Php 500.00/sqm) and it was offered by Mr. Cortes at Two Hundred Pesos per square meter (Php 200.00/sqm);

WHEREAS, the Committee on Appraisal finds that the offer is advantageous to the city and, thus, recommended for its approval since there is a need for a new public cemetery as the old public cemetery is already full;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of the Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana seconded by Honorable Joel E. Tinio and Honorable Marah I. Adtoon, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, to authorize, as it is hereby authorized, the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to acquire a parcel of land with an area of 80,000 square meters with a price of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) per square meter located at Brgy. Cagniog, this city, for the establishment of the new Public Cemetery of Surigao.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and the City Appraisal Committee, for their information and appropriate action.

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HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Next Mr. Chairman is Resolution No. 10, Series of 2023, also on the Committee on Appraisal.

The City Mayor requested that he be given the authority to purchase a parcel of land located at Barangay Serna, Surigao City, with an area of thirty-four thousand three hundred thirty square meters (34,330 sqm) and Mr. Inocencio R. Cortes who represents the owner of the parcels of land, offered twenty thousand square meters (20,000 sqm.) of the parcel of land covered by tax declaration no. K-0440169 reflecting lot No. 2236. The same is to be used as Barangay Site of Barangay Serna. The Resolution of the Committee on Appraisal recommends that the City Government purchase a parcel of land owned by Mr. Marcos Cortes an offered for sale by Mr. Inocencio R. Cortes at Barangay Serna, Surigao City to be utilized as Barangay Site. It has an area of twenty thousand square meters (20,000 sqm) or two hectares (2 ha). The offer of Mr. Cortes is at the price of one hundred pesos per square meter (Php 100.00/sqm). After the determination by the Committee on Appraisal the schedule of market value is at five hundred pesos per square meter (Php500.00/sqm). is Considering that the offer is for one hundred pesos per square meter (Php 100.00/sqm), it is highly advantageous to the city government. The Committee on Urban Development and Land Use therefore recommends that the request of the City Mayor be granted. May I move for the adoption of the committee report, Mr. Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF LAND WITH AN AREA OF 20,000 SQUARE METERS WITH A PRICE OF ONE HUNDRED PESOS (P100.00) PER SQUARE METER LOCATED AT BRGY. SERNA, THIS CITY, TO BE UTILIZED AS BARANGAY SITE.

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a letter from Inocencio R. Cortes, offering a parcel of land in Brgy. Serna, this city, the chairman convenes the City Appraisal Committee to appraise the property offered for sale to the city government;

WHEREAS, the subject property is described as Lot no. 2236, declared in the name of Cortes, Marcos D.; Gapud, Charlito C.; Toralballa, Gloria C.; Cortes, Hernana D.; and Fanny Cortes with a total area of 34,330 sqm (3.433 hectares), classified as Agricultural land (Cassava/Riceland) under Tax Declaration Number K-0440169 located at Brgy. Serna, this city;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cortes, offered to sale 20,000 square meters, to the city government at P100.00 per square meter;

WHEREAS, the committee agreed to appraise the property using the sales transaction approach and compared it to the approved Schedule of Market Value for the 6th GR and the offered price of the owner whichever is more advantageous to the government and arrived at a value of Five Hundred Thirty Pesos (P530.00) per square, compared it with the approved SMV which is P500.00 per square meter and the offered price of P100.00 per square meter;

WHEREAS, the committee upon thorough analysis and evaluation agreed that the offered price by the owner of P100.00 pesos per square meter is more advantageous to the government, compared to the approved SMV and unit sales value derived from the sales transactions;

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

RESOLVED, to authorize, as it is hereby authorized, the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to acquire a parcel of land with an area of 20,000 square meters with a price of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) per square meter located at Brgy. Serna, this city, to be utilized as barangay site.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and the City Appraisal Committee, for their information and appropriate action.

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Hon. Bayana continued with his committee report.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Next, Mr. Chairman is the Supplemental Budget of the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Cagniog Supplemental Budget of the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Cagniog The amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Pesos and Ninety-Six Centavos (Php 97,617.96) is the subject of an ordinance containing ordinance of the Sangguniang Barangay of Cagniog containing the supplemental budget for the Sangguniang Kabataan. The supplemental budget was favorably endorsed by the Local Finance Committee subject to the usual limitations. The committee recommendation: the Committee on Appropriation recommends the approval of Barangay Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2023, of Barangay Cagniog which covers the supplemental budget. May I move for the adoption of the committee report Mr. Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241 - 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN OF BARANGAY CAGNIOG, THIS CITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEEN PESOS AND NINETY-SIX CENTAVOS (PHP 97,617.96).

WHEREAS, forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlungsod is the Supplemental Budget of Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Cagniog for CY 2023, for review and approval;

WHEREAS, the amount is Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Pesos and Ninety-Six Centavos (Php 97,617.96) and is covered by a barangay ordinance and sourced from undisbursed funds for Calendar Years 2020, 2021 and 2022;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Appropriation recommends the approval of Barangay Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2023, which covers the supplemental budget;

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

RESOLVED: as it is hereby RESOLVED, to pass a resolution approving the Supplemental Budget of the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Cagniog, this city in the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Pesos and Ninety-Six Centavos (Php 97,617.96).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Local Finance Committee and the aforementioned Barangay, this city, for their information.

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HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Next committee report Mr. Chairman is the City Development Council Resolution No. 07, Series of 2023. The Resolution is requesting for funding for a project under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) Scale-Up through the build infrastructure development component with the proposed project entitled "Construction of National Road Junction: Trinidad-Mabini Farm to Market Road Including Bridges". The request will be forwarded to the national government together with the request for a budgetary requirement in amount of Four Hundred Two Million Pesos (Php 402,000,000.00). The Committee on Appropriations considers the request to be reasonable and in accordance with law, the Committee recommends the approval and endorsement of the same to the national government for funding. May I move for the adoption of the committee reports Mr. Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242 - 2023

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 07, SERIES OF 2023 FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP) SCALE UP I-BUILD / INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT.

WHEREAS, the City Government of Surigao has availed of the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) Scale-Up through the 1-BUILD/Infrastructure Development component with the proposed project entitled: *"Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad-Mabini Farm to Market Road Including Bridges"*;

WHEREAS, the proposed project with an estimated project cost of P402 million will connect the farm to market roads along the barangays of Trinidad, Anomar, and Mabini including the construction of new bridges along Trinidad-Anomar River, Anomar-Lower Sangay River and Mabini-Togonan River;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will focus on delivering climate-resilient access and value chain infrastructure support with the end goal of building up food distribution hubs and logistics systems to provide unhampered mobility, access and stable supply of food commodities and other agri-fishery products with reduced transport handling and hauling costs thereby improving product quality and reducing prices in target markets;

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

RESOLVED: as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to pass a resolution endorsing the City Development Council Resolution No. 07, Series of 2023 for funding under the Department of Agriculture (DA) program Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) Scale Up I-BUILD/Infrastructure Development Component.

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

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters: None

B. Urgent Matters:

- Denominated as Urgent, Proposed Resolution, A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Position of Sangguniang Panlungsod Member of the City of Surigao due to the Automatic Resignation of Hon. Christopher T. Bonite after being Elected as Punong Barangay of Brgy. Washington, Surigao City in the 2023 BSK Elections. (by: Chairman, Committee on Rules)

Since the Chairman, Committee on Rules is on leave and the matter was denominated as Urgent, it was referred to Vice Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Bayana.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. This is in my capacity as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Rules. The Honorable Christopher T. Bonite was duly elected as a member Sangguniang Panlungsod during the May 2022 Elections, Local Elections. Then, in the recent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections held on October 30, 2023, the Honorable Bonite emerged as victorious as Punong Barangay of Barangay Washington, Surigao City. So, under the law is considered to be automatically resigned after his assumption of Office as Punong Barangay, Barangay Washington.

622 *May I move for the passage of a Resolution, Mr. Chairman, declaring a vacancy in the*
623 *membership of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in view of the assumption of the Honorable*
624 *Christopher T. Bonite as Punong Barangay of Barangay Washington, Surigao City. I so move,*
625 *Mr. Chairman.*

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627 The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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629 **RESOLUTION NO. 243 - 2023**

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631 **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF**
632 **SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO**
633 **DUE TO THE AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION OF HON. CHRISTOPHER T.**
634 **BONITE AFTER BEING ELECTED AS PUNONG BARANGAY OF BRGY.**
635 **WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY IN THE 2023 BSK ELECTIONS.**

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

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642 **WHEREAS**, as a result of said act, Hon. Bonite is deemed to have resigned as an
643 SP Member, thus, creating a vacancy thereof;

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645 **WHEREAS**, as a requisite in the process of appointment of possible replacement
646 to the vacated position, there is need for this august body to declare the existence of a
647 vacancy in the position of SP Member of the City of Surigao;

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649 **WHEREAS**, there is no more legal impediment for the Body to declare such
650 vacancy following DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-166 dated October 31, 2023,
651 citing the ruling of the Supreme Court in G.R. 263599 entitled *Atty. Romulo B. Macalintal*
652 *vs. Comelec, et. al.* declaring that once a winning candidate is proclaimed and has taken his
653 oath of office, he can immediately assume his position;

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655 **NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of the Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana
656 seconded by Honorable Joel E. Tinio, it was unanimously

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658 **RESOLVE AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to declare a vacancy in the position
659 of SP Member of Surigao City, left vacant as a result of Hon. Christopher Bonite's election
660 as Punong Barangay of Brgy. Washington, Surigao City, in order that a possible
661 replacement to be made in accordance with law.

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663 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable
664 City Mayor, the DILG, Surigao City, the Commission on Elections, and the Office of the
665 Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, for their information and
666 appropriate action.

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670 • Letter from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a
671 resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a
672 Subproject Agreement (SA) with the DILG Caraga Regional Office,
673 Butuan City particularly in the engagement of Indian Grant Assistance
674 for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (I-QIP) with the
675 Government of the Republic of India (by: Chairman, Committee on
676 Transportation, Communication and Utilities)

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Okay, Mr. Chair to and my colleagues, good afternoon. Herein the letter request from the City Mayor denominated as urgent requesting the City Council pass a resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter a Sub Project Agreement with the DILG Caraga Regional Office, Butuan City, particularly in the engagement of Indian grant assistance for implementation of Quick Impact Project with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. Mr. Chair, herein a resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter a Sub Project Agreement with the DILG Caraga Regional Office Butuan City particularly in the engagement of Indian Grant Assistance for implementation of Quick Impact Projects with the Government of Republic of India. Mr. Chair, may I move for the approval of my 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. 244 - 2023

AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II TO ENTER INTO A SUBPROJECT AGREEMENT (SA) WITH THE DILG CARAGA REGIONAL OFFICE, BUTUAN CITY PARTICULARLY IN THE ENGAGEMENT OF INDIAN GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS (I-QIP) WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

WHEREAS, On 07 February 2023, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH), represented by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), entered into a Bilateral Agreement with the Government of the Republic of India (GOI), represented by the Embassy of India (EOI), regarding the Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (I-QIP);

WHEREAS, the Grant seeks to provide assistance in implementing short gestation projects at the sub-national levels to improve service delivery and achieve socio-economic development;

WHEREAS, this goal will be achieved through the creation or improvement of horizontal and vertical infrastructures that support transportation and mobility, education, health, sanitation, and access to energy, as well as non-infrastructure projects (i.e. implements, equipment, etc.) and innovative technologies that can aid in achieving disaster resilience, public safety, better livelihood outcomes, and overall community development;

WHEREAS, all Provinces, Cities, and Municipalities are enjoined to apply and submit their proposals for funding under the I-QIP;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of the Honorable Baltazar C. Abian seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, to authorize, as it is hereby authorized, the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Subproject Agreement (SA) with the DILG Caraga Regional Office, Butuan City particularly in the engagement of Indian Grant Assistance for the Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (I-QIP) with the Government of the Republic of India.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and the Department of Interior and Local Government – Caraga Regional Office for their information and appropriate action.

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C. Business of the Day:

2nd 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 (by: Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources)

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Councilor Catre is hereby recognized. We are now on Second Reading. This is now open for discussion in plenary.

Hon. Catre moved for the suspension of the rules and invited the HRMDO Head and City ENRO Head for possible questions by the members of the august body. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

It's there, so we'll go on this one by one so that we can be fast. Councilor Catre, you read by section so that, Section 1, the title and so forth...

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Section 1, this ordinance shall be known as the ordinance Creating the City Environment and Natural Resources Office, or City ENRO in the City of Surigao, defining its functions and providing funds therefor.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Few questions, Madame, wala pa tayong Department nito? You use the microphone so that it can be recorded.

MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

Hello! Good afternoon, po Mr. Chair, and the members of this council. Just recently, it was found out in the assessment of SGLG that the City ENRO, as we know now doesn't have an ordinance creating the, the Office itself. We traced the ordinance and we found out that way back in 1995, only the position of department head was created. But the Office was not created, Sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

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MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

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PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

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MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

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PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

So, in other words, the 2005?

MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

Opo, 2005 po.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Na- create ang Office ng?

MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

Na create ang Head po.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Head lang?

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Only the head, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

So, walang Office?

MS. HAIREE CEL PEDIMONTE:

Wala pong Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Okay.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

So, Section 2. 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.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Go to section three unless you have questions. You raise this the earliest possible time.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Creation. It is hereby created a City Environment and Natural Resources Office as a separate and distinct Department of the City Government of Surigao.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

So very clear, that we will be creating a new Department in the City. Section 4.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

The general functions. The following are the functions of the City ENRO as created. Number 1, 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, goats, coasts and fishing grounds.

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

4.4 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 the records of environmental data, activities, assets and complements, 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:

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Go ahead. This is now the head, department head.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

5.1 THE CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER. *The City ENRO shall be headed by a City Government Head 1, 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;*

906 *Should it be a first-grade civil service eligibility? Or eligible is enough, Mr.*
 907 *Chairman.*

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 909 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 911 *First grade civil service...aw eligible or its equivalent. Wala ba tong may Masteral*
 912 *Degree or...wala?*

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 914 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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 916 *Wala po, Sir. Wala po.*

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 918 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 920 *Ha? Sigurado ka?*

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 922 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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 924 *Opo, Sir. Sa local...*

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 926 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 928 *Di kagaya ng ibang departments, must have to be Masteral or kuan, etong position*
 929 *na to wala?*

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 931 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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 933 *Wala po, for Local Government Officials po...*

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 935 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 937 *Eto lang? Eto lang talaga ang...wala ng ibang classifications.*

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

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 941 *Let us add, Mr. Chairman, no?*

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 943 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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 945 *Yes po, Mr. Chair, this is copy-pasted from the Local Government Code.*

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 947 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 949 *Oo, but under the Civil Service?*

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 951 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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 953 *The Civil Service followed the qualification standards stated in the Local*
 954 *Government Code. It is the higher law po kase.*

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 956 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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 958 *But why is it that the other departments now require that for one to become a*
 959 *department head, you must have to not only a college degree holder but also Masteral. We*
 960 *will just try to check that ha, later on...Okay go-ahead Councilor Catre.*

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HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

- c) *Must have acquired experience 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.*

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Okay, so that is the qualification of the head of ENRO.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

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.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Okay, so that's the assistant.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Yes, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

We go now to the Division Head...

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

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) with a Salary Grade 22.

(a) Administrative Support Services and Records Section

1. Administrative Officer V

Ma'am Hazel, can you be the one please to report about this Administrative Division and explain their functions and duties, this 5.3.1. and their qualifications, if any.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Are there qualifications of these specific positions, Administrative Officer V, Officer IV, II, I, and then Administrative Assistant III, Administrative Aide III and Administrative Aide II.

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

We did not include the qualifications for each position, we just included in the Section 8, Application of Civil Service Laws, that these positions both existing and to be created shall conform with the qualification standards set by the Civil Service Commission, but...

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Ah yes, it is here in section...

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Ah so forming part of this ordinance, so we can just have that as statement that the qualification standards for all these positions must conform with the, what?

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

Civil Service Commission qualification standards.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Okay, so you have Administrative Officer III, Assistant II, Administrative Aide...sige i-kuan pa. Then, Integrated Waste/Pollution Management and Treatment Division, then Waste Management Sanitary Landfill. Wow! Sige, and then, so overall, this is the ideal positions that are required in the office.

HRMDO HAZEL PEDIMONTE:

Yes Sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Of which you have included in the ordinance.

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

Yes Sir. But in reality, Sir, the existing, there are only 5 items po existing under City ENRO.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Then, you have the duties and responsibilities, we'll just go fast on this; Administrative Function Division, and then Integrated, next is Sustainable, and then...so in this case, the Sanitary Landfill will now be under the ENRO, and will no longer by, with the GSO.

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

Actually, at the moment po, it is under the City ENRO.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

No, no, no, but when you say Sanitary Landfill, it includes waste collection and disposal. The Waste Collection and Disposal under our set-up is under GSO, but landfill operation is under Environment. Now what will happen now to the garbage collection? Who will handle that? Still the GSO?

1077 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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1079 *Still under the GSO, Sir. Under their...*

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1081 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1083 *Actually Mr. Chairman, I have a draft ordinance, it will be on 2nd reading maybe*
 1084 *next month, it is provided there that it will be the City ENRO who will head the...*

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1086 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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1088 *Ah okay, ang collection and disposal of garbage?*

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1090 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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1092 *In coordination of course, with GSO.*

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1094 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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1096 *With GSO, sige, then Section 7, then Section 8, this Application of Civil Service*
 1097 *Laws, Probability Clause, and then Section 10 is the Repealing Clause and Effectivity.*

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1099 *Are there other questions that the members of this Council would ask our resource*
 1100 *persons, if none, then we will have this...the rules will be reinstated, and we will close the*
 1101 *discussion under 2nd reading, and calendar this for 3rd reading. By the way, once we*
 1102 *approved this, is this covered already in our 2024 budget?*

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1104 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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1106 *They already have budget Sir.*

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1108 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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1112 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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1114 *They already have budget.*

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1116 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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1118 *You have already included this in the budget for 2024? Anong mga positions?*

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1120 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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1122 *Only the existing ones, Sir.*

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1124 **PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**

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1126 *Anong existing ones? Anong mga existing ang, kase we will be treating the budget*
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1129 **MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:**

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1131 *There are five (5) existing positions Sir.*

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PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Anong existing dyan?

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

The City ENRO Department Head, salary grade 25; and then under Admin Support Service, Admin Officer V is existing, the one being occupied by Sir Raul Tarpin; and then under Waste Management Treatment Division, there are two (2) items, Senior Environmental Specialist III, SG18, and Environmental Management Specialist II, SG15; and then under the Sustainable Resource Use and Environmental Protection, Conservation Management Division, there is one (1) item, Environmental Management Specialist II, SG15.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Si Leonardo Go? Environmental Management Specialist II?

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

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PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Is he still assigned there? Sa ENRO? I think he is assigned somewhere else.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Sa ENRO Sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Si Go.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Yes Sir, sa ENRO, di ba?

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

CDDRMO, di ba?

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

Before, but he was already recalled.

MR. RAUL TARPIN:

No, gi re-assign sya City ENRO, before na-assign sya sa CDDR.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Ah, okay. So, you are telling us that you are budgeting the positions that are occupied today, although we may pass this ordinance but the budgetary requirements are not included in the 2024 budget, except the ones that are being filled up?

MS. HAIREE CEL S. PEDIMONTE:

Yes, Sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Okay. Any other question? So, we will...thank you Madam and Mr. Tarpin. We will reinstate the rules. Councilor Catre, you have the floor.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I move that the ordinance entitled, "An ordinance creating the City Environment and Natural Resources Office in the City of Surigao, defining its functions and providing funds therefor," be approved on 2nd reading, Mr. Chairman.

The motion was approved and the 3rd and final reading of the proposed ordinance is scheduled on the next regular session of the city council.

3rd and Final Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Rezoning a Parcel of Land, and for Other Purposes (by: Chairman, Committee on Urban Development and Land Use)

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Mr. Chair, may I move that the proposed ordinance be approved on 3rd and final reading.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 484

Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT BARANGAY SILOP, THIS CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 389, Series of 2016, the City Zoning Ordinance, classifies lands within the City's territorial boundaries as to their allowable use;

WHEREAS, the City Government owns a parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 7085-B, BSD-8351, containing an area of One Hundred Forty Thousand Two-Hundred Forty-One (140,214) square meters, and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 162-2017000994 which is located at Barangay Silop (formerly, part of Barangay Capalayan), Surigao City which is part of the Cemetery Zone as provided in Ordinance No. 389, Series of 2016 (the "Parcel of Land");

WHEREAS, the City Zoning Review Committee passed Resolution No. 02, Series of 2023 seeking the reclassification of the Parcel of Land from one forming part of a Cemetery Zone to General Residential Zone so that the same can be utilized as part of the proposed Township Project at the City Arellano's District;

WHEREAS, Barangay Silop enacted Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023 interposing no objection to the proposed rezoning of the Parcel of Land

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao, in a session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. REZONING OF LAND. Lot NO. 7085-B, BSD-8351, containing an area of One Hundred Forty Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One (140,241) square meters, and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 162-2017000994 which is located at Barangay Silop (formerly, part of Barangay Capalayan), Surigao City is hereby rezoned to be part of the General Residential Zone;

SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE REZONED LAND. After the rezoning of the Parcel of Land, it shall be subject to the limitations stated in Ordinance No. 389, Series of 2016;

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY CLAUSE. Ordinance No. 389, Series of 2016 is hereby accordingly amended and modified insofar as the rezoning of the Parcel of Land is concerned. All other ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are likewise deemed modified.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Enacted on November 9, 2023.

SPONSORED BY: HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA
Chairman, Committee on Urban Development and Land Use

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

Hon. Adtoon was recognized.

HON. MARAH I. ADTOON:

Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Sangguniang Panlungsod Staffs, visitors, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

I stand before you today with a deep sense of gratitude and purpose as your Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President. I Would like to express my deepest appreciation for the consistent support and trust I have received. This gratitude extends to the SK Federation family, as well as the youth, whom I hold dear. Serving you all has been great honor and privilege.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge that I am not a flawless young leader, and I have faced challenges and setbacks along the way, it is in times like these that, my SK Federation family has been my unwavering support, always believing in me. While we may not have had a perfect journey as a SK Federation family, we have encountered our

fair share of misunderstandings and conflicts. However, what I cherish the most is the respect shown to me from the beginning to the end of our journey.

I am deeply thankful to everyone who had contributed to my personal growth and development. To the SK Family of the batch 2018-2023, I want to congratulate you for finishing strong, even in the face of the challenges we've encountered in recent years, including the pandemic. Together, we remained stronger and more effective in addressing the various challenges that our youth face. We foster an environment of open communication, collaboration, and inclusivity, where every voice is heard and every idea considered. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind our accomplishments, proving that we are not just the new SK, but we are the embodiment of youth.

My 2 years and 8 months as SK Federation President have come to an end, I hope that I have left a lasting legacy and created memorable moments with the youth. I may not be the best young leader, but I have given my all, and I hope that the young people of Surigao City can appreciate my contributions.

In conclusion, the role of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President is not just a title or a position; it is a commitment to the betterment of our community and our generation. I am confident that the incoming leadership, with your continued support will lead us to even greater progress and achievements.

I encourage everyone to maintain the spirit of unity, dedication, and service that has defined our tenure. Let us continue to work together, creating a community where the voices of the youth are heard, and their potential is realized.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks and eagerly look forward to the remarkable progress our community will continue to make in the future. Together we have established a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

To our City Mayor, Hon. Pablo Yves Dumlao II, and to my Sangguniang Panlungsod Family, led by Vice Mayor, Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, thank you for welcoming me into your fold. Although I was a newcomer to the group, I felt the sense of belonging and received excellent guidance. To the Councilors, namely: Atty. Jex Bayana, Atty. Cacer Azarcon, Sir Jojo Tinio, Sehal Bastie Nagas, Sehal Joshua Geli, Kap Rico Nagas, Tatay Joy Yuipco, Atty. Catre, Sir Bonite, Sir Aldonza, and my BFF Batang Abian, it has been an honor to work alongside you in the Sangguniang Panlungsod. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.

Sa among SK Federation Father figure, DILG CLGOO Sir Robert E. Patayon, salamat gajud karajaw Sir sa way puas na guidance, and encouragement, and sa iyahang taas nga pasensya sa amo na mga SKs.

Sa akong mga SK staffs - SK Secretary Ate Juvil, Sir Eds, Dayday, Momong, Dam Emie, Loving Leafer, Kuya Poloy, and Kuya Randy, salamat sa ijo pagserbisyo ug pagtrabaho para sa mga kabatan-onan. Sa akong mga SK Chairpersons turned into friends and family, hinaut magkakitaay gihapon kita puhon.

Sa akong family, relatives, and friends, salamat karajaw sa suporta ug pagmahal.

To God be all the Glory, Honor and Praise!

Salamat gajud karajaw! MARAHjaw na hapon sa atong tanan.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Let's give Hon. Marah Adtoon a warm applause and before you go may I recognize, Councilor Geli to pass a resolution. You go ahead and read the resolution that we have prepared.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Plaque of Appreciation and Commendation is awarded to Honorable Marah I. Adtoon.

WHEREAS, Honorable Marah I. Adtoon served as SK Federated President of the City of Surigao from March 1, 2021 to November 15, 2023, respectively;

WHEREAS, throughout her public life, Hon. Marah I. Adtoon has shown her relentless vision for a more developed and progressive Surigao City; a truly committed and humble public servant, her accomplishments are undeniably monumental and are already part of this city;

WHEREAS, as SK Federated President, her passion and commitment to public service generated a number of ordinances and resolutions that have been passed and successfully implemented;

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

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of yours truly...

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Duly seconded by all.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

And 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. Marah I. Adtoon for her Invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the People of Surigao City as SK Federated President of the City of Surigao from March 1, 2021 to November 15, 2023.

Given this 9th day of November, 2023 at Surigao City. I so move, Mr. Chair.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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Plaque of Appreciation & Commendation

is awarded to

HONORABLE MARAH I. ADTOON

RESOLUTION NO. 246 - 2023

WHEREAS, Honorable Marah I. Adtoon served as SK Federated President of the City of Surigao from March 1, 2021 to November 15, 2023, respectively;

WHEREAS, throughout her public life, Hon. Marah I. Adtoon has shown her relentless vision for a more developed and progressive Surigao City; a truly committed and humble public servant, her accomplishments are undeniably monumental and are already part of this city;

WHEREAS, as SK Federated President, her passion and commitment to public service generated a number of ordinances and resolutions that have been passed and successfully implemented;

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

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, 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. MARAH I. ADTOON FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SURIGAO CITY AS SK FEDERATED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO FROM MARCH 1, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2023.

Given this 9th day of November, 2023 at Surigao City.

PRESIDING OFFICER, HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:

Expressing our commendation to the Hon. Marah I. Adtoon and wishing her the best of everything that she will go in the future whatever her plans, merits probably or in whatever way that she is going to be on a private life. Congratulations, Marah and good luck. God bless to you and to God always be the Glory.

May I request all the members of the council to please come, so that we can present the Plaque of Recognition.

(Giving of plaque of appreciation and commendation)

Thank you so much, Councilor Adtoon. We wish you luck.

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OTHER MATTERS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the session was adjourned at 3:23 o'clock in the afternoon of November 9, 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.)

CLOSING PRAYER

HON. MARAH I. ADTOON:

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

Lord Jesus, we thank You for this fruitful discussion which we have this afternoon. We hope You will continue to guide us in our future session and endeavors as public servant of the City of Surigao and bless us and our family as we go home. This we ask in the mighty name of Jesus and God bless to Marah we will be looking forward to working with you in the future.

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

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

JOENIL B. ALDONZA
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JOEL E. TINIO
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JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA
City Councilor

JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO
City Councilor

RICO A. NAGAS
ABC President

MARAH I. ADTOON
SK Federated President

ATTESTED BY:

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ALFONSO S. CASURRA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer