

Republic of the Philippines  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON  
DECEMBER 11, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra	- City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Sebastian Ric A. Nagas	- City Councilor
Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza	- City Councilor
Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr.	- City Councilor
Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	- City Councilor
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	- City Councilor
Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco	- City Councilor
Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra	- City Councilor
Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	- SK Federated President

ABSENT:

Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon	- City Councilor
Hon. Joel E. Tinio	- City Councilor
Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	- City Councilor

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The session was called to order at 2:09 o'clock in the afternoon of December 11, 2023

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OPENING PRAYER

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

OPENING PRAYER

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

We gather here today with grateful heart,  
seeking guidance and wisdom as we start.  
Bless this special session with your divine light, fill our hearts with love and insight.  
Grant us the strength to work together, in harmony and unity, now and forever.  
May our discussions be fruitful, and wise,  
guide our words and actions with care.  
May your blessings be upon us today,  
as we embark on this fruitful way, in your name we pray. Amen.

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

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SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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61 **ROLL CALL**  
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63 The roll call was conducted with all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
64 listed herein as present in attendance, and thereafter a **QUORUM** was declared.  
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68 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**  
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75 **1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**  
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77 **A. Business of the Day:**  
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- 79 • Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of  
80 Ordinance No. 397, Series of 2017, An Ordinance Regulating the  
81 Sale, Distribution And Use of Firecrackers And Other Pyrotechnic  
82 Devices And For Other Purposes  
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85 Since the Bureau of Fire Protection and Philippine National Police were invited as  
86 the resource persons, the rules were suspended to allow them to answer queries with regard  
87 to the proposed ordinance. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**  
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89 The Presiding Officer said that the amendment would shorten the period of sale of  
90 firecrackers. He requested the Hon. Catre to amplify his observation in line with the recent  
91 incident in Marawi City.  
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93 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.**  
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95 *Yes Mr. Chairman, we chose to make this sale and the what's this?... distribution*  
96 *of the firecrackers on a shorten period, so that the public will be safe from fire and the*  
97 *those with the recent bombing in Marawi City we were informed but by the PNP that they*  
98 *are actually on a heightened alert Mr. Chairman, so ahm I believe this shorten period*  
99 *shorten and fixed period will make the celebration of Christmas and New Year more*  
100 *peaceful Mr. Chairman and safe.*  
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102 **PRESIDING OFFICER: HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA:**  
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104 *Yes, to our resource persons, has there been anyone who applied for the sale or for*  
105 *the distribution of pyrotechnics and firecrackers so far that has been in your office? You*  
106 *can use the microphone.*  
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108 **PEMS JOEL MONTINOLA / RESOURCE PERSON:**  
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110 *As far as the City Police Sir, as of now, wala pang nag-file ng permit para magbenta ng*  
111 *mga firecrackers.*  
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**HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

*It is unusual because it is already December 11 and nobody is still applying to be issued a permit. What are those? The requirements for the issuance of a permit, by the way? Any one of you? It has to be a license, there are provisions on this di ba? Can only be issued because the original ordinance that, uh, under Ordinance No. 397, the sale and the distribution of firecrackers starts on December 20, okay to January 1, okay. Meaning the whole week on that 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, up to January 1, they can display, their, their firecrackers in a certain period rather place. And the place, in accordance with this Ordinance. is to be designated by the Office of the City Mayor. We are not designating here because it is now the call of the City Mayor.*

*On the other hand, an pagpaboto gajud is only December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. There are two situations here, an pagbaligya sanan an pagpaboto, waya nato hilabti an pagpaboto, an pagbaligya ra kay an original na sa Section 4 is from January 20, all throughout until January 1. Kuman tag-shorten nato, ibalik anay. Tag-shorten nato based on our recommendation na magsugud ra sila 23 tapos 24, paboto sila sa 24 sanan sa 25 up to 26 magbaligya, mo- resume nasab sila sa December 31 then, to January 1 and on the day prior to Chinese New Year, inclusive. So, an ato na, what we agreed is that, oo, jaon, a day prior to... an pagbaligya raman ini, an pag baligya ra, an pagpaboto, well, we can make some amendments on the day prior to the Chinese New Year, an pagbaligya ra, pero an pagpaboto is different. How is it? Fire Chief Quinto, what is your take on this?*

**SINP EDUARDO P. QUINTO, JR / RESOURCE PERSON:**

*Good, good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon everyone. As to the, uh, with regards with the, uh, sa pagpaboto Sir sa area, dapat gajud they will secure a permit sa Fire Station para, so, that we can...*

The Presiding Officer said that the designation of the area where the firecrackers will be displayed for sale is the Mayor's call. He suggested to the resource person that they make a recommendation to Office of the City Mayor as regards the place to be designated. He reiterated that matter at hand is the amendment of the period allowed that the firecrackers will be displayed for sale which is on December 23,24,25, 26 and 31 instead of December 20 of the current year all throughout January 1 of the next year.

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

*Again, ini nag-limit ra sa pagsale, ya nato hilabti an katungod nan Mayor pag-designate nan area. Ya nato hilabti an ija power to also consider an area na adto magpaboto kay ya nato jaon hilabti an, balik kita sa Ordinansa adton gaina balik sa ubos, an dinhi sa Section, Section 4, sa second paragraph on the other hand, the use of the same shall be allowed only on December 24, meaning pagpaboto 25, 31, and January 1. And during the celebration of the Chinese New Year of the years, of the year concerned wayay s, the year concerned. So, ya nato jaon e-amend, an tag- amend ra nato is the first paragraph of section 4, which I shall be allowed only for the period from January, aw December 20 to January of the year concerned, and during Chinese New Year. So, meaning to say, tag- amend nato to December 23 to December 26, then to resume on December 31 to January 1, 2024, actually, di gani siguro na butangan nato nan date kon, pero for purposes raman nan ini kuman, and on the day prior to the Chinese New Year inclusive, unless na ma-amend rasab ini. But for this year, upon the recommendation of the Police and the traffic, rather the, fire, he said that uh, kon pwede ma-shorten an pagbaligya.*

**HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA**

*May I suggest Mr. Chairman, that we have allowed the sale of the same on the day of the Chinese New Year, itself.*

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

*O sige, on the day prior and on Chinese New Year...so butangan ta rakan nan December 31? Ah no, kay Chinese New Year man baja...on the day prior and on the Chinese New Year.*

**HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

*An sa una ra man jaon, tag-utro ra.*

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

*Any other recommendation from your end? What about an ato mga City Health? Ready na man ta? Sa City Health hu? An CDRMO, also ready for any eventuality sa ini na situation. Can we have Dr. Notada? Just to make it of record, can we have her seat there sa area. What is the protocol the moment jaoy mga masamad? or...Dr. Notada, good afternoon. Thank you so much for coming. We would like to ask you about the readiness of the City Health to respond to any emergency in the event that situations may occur that involves the use of these firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices in our City Health.*

**DR. BENJIELITA P. NOTADA (CHO):**

*Ah, yes. Good afternoon Mr. Chair, good afternoon everyone. So, as for the City Health Office, it is mandated na in any important event like this Christmas and New Year, we are always on on-call, Mr. Chair. So, all the health staff, if their services are needed, they are automatically to be on-called to duty.*

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

*What about the availability of medicines or any other needs, medical needs, the moment something may, God forbids, happen to...*

**DR. BENJIELITA P. NOTADA (CHO):**

*Yes, Mr. Chair, regarding medicines and health staff, we are very much able to do so, but to note, only with the minor cases, minor injuries. But with major injuries, we will really refer to the higher facilities like the Caraga Regional Hospital or any private hospitals.*

**RULES ARE REINSTATED.** It was made on record that the Section 4 of Ordinance No. 397 will read as follows: "The distribution and sale of the duly authorized firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices within the territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be allowed on December 23 to 26 and will resume on December 31 to January 1, 2024 and on the day prior up to Chinese New Year"

The motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was presented and approved. The Proponent moved for the suspension of the rules to pass the proposed ordinance on third and final reading. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.** Thereafter, a motion to approve on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading was presented and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 489**

Series of 2023

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 397, SERIES OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

**Section 1.** Section 4 of Ordinance No. 397, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The distribution and sale of the duly authorized firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices within the territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be allowed **only on December 23 to December 26, 2023, to resume on December 31, 2023 to January 1, 2024 and on the day prior to and up to Chinese New Year inclusive.**

**Section 2.** The rest of the provisions of Ordinance No. 397, Series of 2017 and all other provisions of existing Ordinances regulating the sale, distribution and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices not affected by this amendment shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval.

Enacted on December 11, 2023.

**SPONSORED BY: HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN**  
Chairman, Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise  
**HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO**  
Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Safety

**RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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- Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Amending Section 1 and 7, of Ordinance No. 487, Series of 2023, which is an Ordinance Allowing The Conduct of a Christmas Bazaar For The 2023 Holiday Season"

Councilor Abian was recognized.

**HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

*Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues. This pertains to the Ordinance amending Section 1 and 7 of Ordinance No. 487, Series of 2023, which is an ordinance allowing the conduct of a Christmas Bazaar for the 2023 Holiday Season.*

*In Section 1 Mr. Chair, of Ordinance No. 487, Series of 2023, is hereby amended, and will now read as follows: “The location of the Christmas Bazaar will be now relocated along Magallanes Street from the corner of Rizal and Borromeo towards the corner of Borromeo Street, this city.”*

**RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource persons to answer queries from the august body.

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

*Good afternoon to both of you. Actually, when we started the discussion on this, one week ago, we were asking you as to whether or not the area proposed by your executive*

department has really been given the imprimatur of the Diocese of Surigao as well as the Bishop. But unfortunately, when right after the lighting up a tree last Friday and the start of the installation of the tents, the Parish Priest and the Bishop himself called us up saying that, why is it that this bazaar was implemented without their consent, I mean they just saying that, we did not, you did not consult them but the records will have it sa ato pag-discuss nan ini that you said that, there was already a prior coordination with the Parish Priest and the Bishop. So that is why, I called the Mayor and stated to him that it appears that the Bishop is objecting and the Parish Priest is objecting.

So by Saturday after the morning, the Mayor instructed our GSO to transfer all those that have been the... tents. Now, to legalize everything that is why we have to make it clear that the area is really Magallanes towards Borromeo from San Nicolas. So I just, we just would like to hear your side on this because it would appear and even upon my query from the tourism office they were telling me that, they were able to talk to Father Ilogon pero ang laong nila na ang sulti, amo man gud ini ang tag-approved sa Sanggunian, porbida. Kami na say nabutang sa ayang-ayang.

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

*Sila may jaon naghimo nan indorsement.*

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

Gani. Jaon ba, klarohon ta ini pirmi kay kami may pirmi ibutang sa ayang-ayang. Taglang-an ko bitaw ang taga-tourism, kagan-o man, ijo ini proposal na approved ini because of the kuan inin of our belief that this has got the imprimatur, so Atty., can you enlightenment us on this?

**ATTY. CRISTINA PARIÑAS:**

Okay. Good afternoon, Vice. Just to clarify, we did talk to Father Dennis Ilogon, the tourism staff was able to secure interview with Father Ilogon. We were trying actually to schedule a meeting and an audience with the Bishop but waya gajod kami mahatagi nan time or his schedule could not accommodate us. Now, we we're running out of time amo jadto na si Father Ilogon rakan ang tag-istorya, I understand he is the Parish Priest of the church, the San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish Church. So, sija man sab Vice ang nisugot subject to the condition na adtong ato, this was prior gajod Vice adtong ato pag-session diri approving the ordinance. So, ang conditon ra gajod is the parking and then dili i-totally closed ang street, portion ra and then amo lagi jadto dili mag-close kay para during the time of the mass makasuyod and maka-park ang mga churchgoers. So, amo ra jadto ang ija tagbali specifically tag-ask na amoy ato ihatag which we did.

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

Oo, pero ang ato sab, ang understanding nato nan bazaar is not the kind of trapal jaon kuman na taghimo na mga amo raman jaon nan adto kita sa buyangan, jaon na klase ba na mga tents.

**ATTY. CRISTINA PARIÑAS:**

*Sir, same tent ra jaon actually Vice adtong ato bazaar sa City Boulevard.*

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

No, but the bazaar during sa fiesta mas marajaw ang area ang ija, jaon kuman grabi sab.

342 **ATTY. CRISTINA PARIÑAS:**

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344 *It is actually the same tents po kay same supplier ra jaon sija Vice.*

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

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348 *Same ra.*

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350 **ATTY. CRISTINA PARIÑAS:**

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352 *Oo, same ra sab sija sa size.*

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

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356 *Basta kay ang amo ra lagi, we were made to believe na may imprimatur na and*  
357 *how come that they immediately reacted na, unsa naman mo sa syudad, wala naman mi*  
358 *tagae ug pagrespeto, that the exact wordings of the Bishop. Kay lisod sab jaon na parehas*  
359 *jaon pirmi magkadisgustohay kita. And in fact, tagpangutana gajod kamo namo*  
360 *specifically but anyway, that's already forgone kuan, we'll just try to see that next time*  
361 *situation like this, should be in a way na dili sab mabutang sa ayang-ayang na ipanubag*  
362 *kami sa Sanggunian na kami ang nag-approved. Yes, we were the ones approved but it*  
363 *was made on the basis na inin sakto ang presentation na may imprimatur na or sakto na*  
364 *pag-approved nan mga kaparian. Di man sab nato sila mabasol na mo-react gajod kay*  
365 *arang man gajod kalisod jadto na pagkabutangan kon nakakita man siguro kamo you were*  
366 *there. I was there almost midnight because nabutang adto nan duyom nan biyernes. So,*  
367 *I'm not saying, but you know ang amo ra lamang dinhi na dili kami ibutang sa ayang-*  
368 *ayang na amoy ipanubag kay kalisod sab jaon, way amo gani kalabutan gani aja ra kami*  
369 *magdali ng ijo urgent tapos kuman kami na hinoan na mahitabo na kami ang nag-*  
370 *approved. Kami tood ang nag-approve pero dili man kon jaon kami naghimo nan jaon na*  
371 *butang. Oo, gani. Tapos ang amo san pagsabot na bazaar is bazaar dili pareho, pareho*  
372 *raman baja gihapon kuman. Okay. So amo na ini Atty., Magallanes na gajod or basi jaon*  
373 *pay lain niyo na butangan?*

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375 **ATTY. CRISTINA PARIÑAS:**

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377 *It's Magallanes Street and a little portion, Vice of the Borromeo Street pero diri ra*  
378 *sija sa side nan luneta.*

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380 *It was clarified in the discussion that only a portion of Borromeo Street and along*  
381 *Magallanes Street will be used for the Christmas Bazaar so as not to cause heavy traffic.*  
382 *Additionally, Atty. Parinas suggested that the Section 2 and 7 of the previous Ordinance*  
383 *be removed, and the period of operation shall be on December 10, 2023 to January 10,*  
384 *2024.*

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386 *There being no more discussion on the matter, the resource persons were excused.*  
387 **RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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389 *A motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was presented and approved. The Proponent*  
390 *moved for the suspension of the rules to pass the proposed ordinance on third and final*  
391 *reading. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.** Thereafter, a motion to approve on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final*  
392 *reading was presented and approved, to wit:*

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394 *On motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A.*  
395 *Casurra, it was unanimously*

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 490**  
Series of 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 7, OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 487, SERIES OF 2023, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE  
ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FOR THE  
2023 HOLIDAY SEASON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**Section 1.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 487, Series of 2023, is hereby amended,  
and will now read as follows:

Location of the Christmas Bazaar. There is hereby allowed the conduct of  
a Christmas Bazaar from December 10, 2023 to January 10, 2024 which shall be  
located along Magallanes Street from the corner San Nicolas Street towards the  
corner of Borromeo Street and small portion thereof along Luneta Park side, this  
city.

**Section 2.** Section 2 and 7 of Ordinance No. 487, Series of 2023 are hereby  
deleted.

**Section 3.** The rest of the provisions of Ordinance No. 487, shall remain in force  
and effect in so far as they are not inconsistent with this amendatory ordinance

**Section 4. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval.

Enacted on December 11, 2023

**SPONSORED BY: HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN**  
Chairman, Committee on Trade, Business, Industry  
and Economic Enterprise

**RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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The august body agreed not to have any more sessions in the following weeks as in  
celebration of Christmas.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters discussed, the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session was adjourned at  
2:55 o'clock in the afternoon of December 11, 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.)*

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**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**



In the name of the father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As we come to end of this Special Session, we bow our heads in gratitude and reflection. Thank You for guiding us through this time for Your presence that has been truly divine. As we part ways and go our separate paths, may your blessings surround us like a warm embrace. Grant us strength and courage to carry on. With lessons learned and experiences drawn. We offer our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, for this Special Session and it culmination. In your name, we pray  
Amen.

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

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APPROVED, this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2024.

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

<b>SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS</b> City Councilor	<b>NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.</b> City Councilor
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<b>JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA</b> City Councilor	<b>JOENIL B. ALDONZA</b> City Councilor
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<b>JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO</b> City Councilor	<b>BALTAZAR C. ABIAN</b> City Councilor
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<b>KARL DUANE A. CASURRA</b> City Councilor	<b>JENELYN EDULZURA</b> SK Federated President
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ATTESTED BY:

**ALFONSO S. CASURRA**  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer