

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 4th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 25, 2024.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra | - City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Sebastian Ric A. Nagas | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli | - 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. Florenillo B. Ravelo | - Liga ng mga Barangay President |
| Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura | - SK Federation President |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Joel E. Tinio | - City Councilor |
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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of January 25, 2024.

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OPENING PRAYER

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA :

Let us put ourselves in all the presence of God.

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

Heaven Father, as we gather in this esteemed council chamber, we humbly bow our heads in
gratitude for the opportunity to serve our community.

Grant us the wisdom to make decisions that reflect the needs and aspirations of the people we
represent.

Bless this assembly with unity, understanding, and compassion.

May our discussions be guided by the spirit of cooperation, with a shared commitment to the
well-being of our constituents.

We seek Your guidance, O Lord, to inspire us in our deliberations and actions.

In moments of disagreement, help us find common ground, and in times of agreement, may our
efforts bear fruit for the betterment of our beloved city.

We offer this session to You, trusting Your divine covenants. 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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ROLL CALL

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

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PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Thereafter, Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas was recognized and presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 18, 2024, re: Resolution Nos. 10-13 be as it is hereby approved.

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MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- COMELEC Registration Schedule

RULES ARE SUSPENDED to allow the Election Officer II of COMELEC, Mr. Stallone G. Espejon to show his presentation.

MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:

I am Stallone G. Espejon, the City Election Officer of Surigao City.

So, we have a COMELEC Resolution 10963, which was promulgated just this month January 10, 2024. So, I'll be running through for the salient provisions. So, this is a very important schedule so the reception of application for the registration would be from February 12 next month 2024 to September 30, 2024, except for the following dates: March 28,29 and 30, and the COMELEC is open from Mondays to Saturdays including holidays.

So, these are the types of application that we will receive, all types of applications will be welcome like for example, the transfer, the correction and the usual types of applications will be received by the COMELEC for the time duration.

So, the next slide shows the important dates the we should consider because after registration there will be having a ERB hearing where in we will received petitions for specific applicants not to be included to our list. So we have there three dates for that. So the ERB hearing would be April 15, July 15, and October 14, 2024, wherein anyone can question the applications of certain applicants.

114 *So, another thing that we are considering is the satellite registration, because as*
 115 *we all know they are some residents of Surigao City that cannot go to our office, we aim to*
 116 *visit specific barangays for that. So we have satellite registration schedules. And this is a*
 117 *new for the Commission Elections. We call this Register Anywhere Project, because as a*
 118 *general rule a certain applicant will visit only or will come to the office of the city or*
 119 *municipality wherein he wants to register.*

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 121 *However, this program of the COMELEC for Surigao Del Norte, the central office*
 122 *is planning that there will be a conduct of one-time registration every program. For*
 123 *example, what will happen here is for example Juan Dela Cruz is a resident of, for example*
 124 *Municipality of Bacuag, and he wants to correct the entries on the registration record in*
 125 *COMELEC. So, instead of going to Bacuag he can go to the city election office of the*
 126 *COMELEC to do the correction. So that's the program of the COMELEC on what we call*
 127 *Register Anywhere Program. So the Regional Election Director gave us a go signal that*
 128 *he will giving at least one month in a capital city of each province. So, Surigao City is the*
 129 *main city or the only city of Surigao del Norte, so we'll be having a Register Anywhere*
 130 *Program to be conducted once a month form the time duration. So we having already*
 131 *discussed earlier the types of applications. Same applications for example, the new*
 132 *registration, the transfer, the correction of entries and the reactivation.*

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 134 *So, I think those are the salient provision and the usual information that we have to*
 135 *know.*

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 137 *It was also discussed that the COMELEC will conduct registrations in the*
 138 *barangays, especially in the island barangays but with prior authority from their central*
 139 *office. Additionally, their office will be open during holidays except on Maundy Thursday,*
 140 *Good Friday and Black Saturday.*

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 142 *The Election Officer also informed the august body about the Register Anywhere*
 143 *Program of the COMELEC, wherein one can also have his registration, transfer and/or*
 144 *correction of registration record be done in other municipalities or cities instead of only in*
 145 *his original place of registration which was the usual practice before.*

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

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 149 *Okay, I'll give you an example, Councilor Batang wants to run for Mayor in Claver.*
 150 *He has about 2000 followers who would want to transfer to Claver because that guy is*
 151 *running for Mayor in Claver, can he registere that 2000 followers of him be registered*
 152 *here in Surigao for purposes of transferring his voting registration in Claver?*

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 154 **MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:**

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 156 *Yes Sir, regarding those, for those registrants where transfer in Surigao City Sir.*
 157 *They could transfer because the requirement we have there is that for you to be able to be*
 158 *a registered voter of a certain municipality or city should be a resident for at least 6*
 159 *months. And that is the question I would like to point out that during registration what we*
 160 *have to examine is the proof of their identity.*

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

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 163 *The proof identity is there, but how can you prevent how can you established that*
 164 *this people who wants to transfer to Claver although residents of Surigao City and*
 165 *registered voters of Surigao City wants to transfer to Claver just because a candidate is*

166 vying for the highest position. You still have to conduct the necessary verification as to
167 regards residence requirements.

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169 **MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:**

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171 *As far as the registration is concerned, our resolution Sir merely provides for the*
172 *proof of their identity. And that is the reason na we have there the Election Registration*
173 *Board Hearing wherein anyone can petition to question the residency, because for example*
174 *if a certain..*

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

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177 *So if behooves upon as or it behooves upon your office to tell us that you having to*
178 *accept the transfer registration is just an administerial.*

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180 **MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:**

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182 *Yes, yes, your Honor.*

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

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185 *Because by and large, after wanting to register to Claver, it is now a matter of those*
186 *who would want to question the residency thru the period of time that the law allows for*
187 *the exclusion.*

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189 **MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:**

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191 *Yes, your Honor.*

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

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194 *And that is clear to me now. Any other question that you wish to ask? If none, then*
195 *thank you so much for Mr. Stallone our Election Officer II, and we look forward to the*
196 *success of this continuing registration. And if there is anything that city government would*
197 *be in a position to extend please do so, just write us a letter or anything that can give us*
198 *the opportunity to be of service to the COMELEC, okay?*

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200 **MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ELECTION OFFICER II:**

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202 *Thank you so much Sir and for the opportunity.*

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204 There no more clarifications, the Election Officer was excused. **RULES ARE**
205 **REINSTATED.**

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 - 2024 First Series Philippine Councilors League Quarterly Continuing Local

209 Legislative Education Program (CLLEP), this coming March 11 to 13, 2024, in

210 the Island of Boracay, Province of Aklan with a registration of P19,500.00 per

211 delegate.

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213 The Presiding Officer informed the august body that should anyone be interested
214 to attend, he must coordinate with the Admin Staff as the deadline for the registration is
215 on March 1, 2024.

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INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, duly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 4th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 25 January, 2024, as prepared and presented.

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FIRST READING:

- Proposed ordinance, “An ordinance for the temporary road closure of the portion of Kaimo Street area bounded by San Nicolas and Borromeo Streets from vehicle traffic on the day of the Chinese New Year on February 10, 2024
- Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use, Sale, Distribution and Advertisement of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Delivery System, Heated Tobacco Products and Other Novel Tobacco Products, in Certain Places, Imposing Penalties for Violation Thereof and Providing Funds Therefor, to Instill Health Consciousness and For Other Purposes”

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REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

a. Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities —

- Letter from Mr. Peter Paul C. Go of Surigao Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Inc., denominated as URGENT, re: Request for the Temporary Road Closure of the Portion of Kaimo Street Area bounded by San Nicolas and Borromeo Streets from vehicle traffic on the day of the Chinese New Year on February 10, 2024.

b. Committee on Social Welfare —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the turnover of data of the Community-Based Monitoring System.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Casurra requested for a five-minute RECESS. Thereafter, the session RESUMED.

Honorable Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

The subject of the committee report, Mr. Chairman, is an endorsement dated December 5, 2023 from the Legal Officer Atty. Lex Joshua Andrew U. Silvosa, requesting the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass a resolution granting the privilege of being relocated to any relocation sites of the City for families affected by the Proposed Road Project at Bay-Bay Magallanes, Barangay Washington, Surigao City.

During the committee hearing, it was, um, with uh, personnel from the City Planning and Development Office. Um, the question was posed to the effect if the beneficiaries were vetted by the Committee on Beneficiaries Identification and Qualification (COMBIQ) as constituted by virtue of Executive Order No. MPD 34 series of 2023, which was an amendment of Executive Order No. MPD 12 series of 2022. The Executive Order was issued pursuant to the relevant provisions of Ordinance No. 430 series of 2020, an ordinance creating the City Housing Board of Surigao and for other purposes. It was admitted by CPDO personnel that it did not, uh, go through the committee on beneficiaries identification and qualification.

It is therefore recommended that the matter be referred back to the City Planning and Development Office, so that they can begin the process of screening the listed names pursuant to Ordinance No. 116 series of 1996, an ordinance adopting the Code of Policies on Socialized Housing and Resettlement Projects in Surigao City and for other purposes.

Since the matter is urgent, Mr. Chairman, the CPDO can also act on the matter immediately upon the referral back of the matter to them to, to the Office, Mr. Chairman.

So, may I move 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:

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RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 2024

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE MATTER BACK TO THE CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CPDO) WITH A REQUEST FOR EXPEDITIOUS ACTION.

WHEREAS, endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod is the letter from Atty. Lex Joshua Andrew U. Silvosa, City Legal Officer, favorably endorsing a Resolution Granting to the Families Affected by the Proposed Road Project at Baybay Magallanes, Brgy. Washington, this City, the Privilege of Being Relocated to Any Relocation sites of the City;

WHEREAS, it was observed during the committee hearing that the list of personalities supposed to be endorsed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod had not undergone vetting by the Committee on Beneficiaries Identification and Qualification (COMBIQ) as constituted by Executive Order No. MPD-34 Series of 2023, An Order amending Executive Order No. MPD-012 Series of 2022;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MPD-34 Series of 2023 is issued in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Ordinance No. 430 Series of 2020, An Ordinance that Creating the City Housing Board of Surigao and for Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, the Chairman, Committee on Committee on Urban Development and Land Use recommended that the matter be referred back to the City Planning and Development Office so that they can begin the process of screening the listed names

pursuant to Ordinance No. 116 Series of 1996, An Ordinance Adopting the Code of Policies on Socialized Housing and Resettlement Projects in Surigao City and for other purposes;

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

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution referring the matter back to the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) with a request for expeditious action.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, City Legal Office and City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) for their information and appropriate action.

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Honorable Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Uh, committee report, uh, on Charoen Pokphand Food Philippines Corp. The CP Foods proposed lease agreement Swine Farm Project at Barangay Quezon, Surigao City.

Mr. Chair, have a subject and the recommendation that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as a committee as a whole, discussed and deliberated on January 9, 2024, the draft of lease agreement submitted by the Office of the City Mayor upon being endorsed as an urgent matter, which was formally referred to this committee in the regular session on January 4, 2024.

And Facts and the findings Mr. Chair. Uh, first, the matter of the authority of the signatory of the Charoen Pokphand Foods Philippines Corporation. The CP Foods management has to be duly authorized by its Board of Directors. Second, in article 24, paragraph 6 shall be corrected, and thus the contract shall be binding upon the successors-in-interests of both parties during the existence of the contract. Third, the other provisions expressed upon by the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod present were further deliberated upon. Fourth, the clean draft of the lease agreement has been forwarded by the Office of the City Mayor and copy furnish all the members of the Committee with all the amendments having been incorporated therein.

Mr. Chair, we have a recommendation that the Committee hereby recommends that the final draft of the lease agreement be adopted and considered in order, and that a resolution be passed authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to sign the said lease agreement as basis for securing the required loan with any government banking institution to finance the said Swine Farm project for the consideration by the members of the Council.

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

During the discussion, Honorable Azarcon propounded questions to the proponent whether or not CP Foods is a domestic corporation. Then, Councilor Catre was recognized.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

During the committee of the whole, I believe it was already presented to all of us members of this, August body. It was presented by the Budget Officer and he reported that this Corporation is a domestic corporation, Mr. Chairman.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

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HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

Do you have it with you?

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

No, no, I am asking you. I am asking the proponent here. You cannot just simply ask somebody here.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

You know...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

If that is this so, this will be public market.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

Mr. Chairman, uh, we were for 2 or 3, uh, hearings, we scheduled a committee hearing of the whole for at least three hearing dates. And this is not the time anymore to ask for he documentation of this corporation but to comply with the request of the Honorable Azarcon, Mr. Chairman, may I request that the rules be suspended so that, uh, our resource speakers can present these documents, that, uh...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Why do we need a resource speaker or resource person here, Mr. Chairman? This is... the motion is already for the approval of the, uh, lease contract. Lease agreement?

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

Exactly. Because, Mr. Chairman, we will ask the Budget, uh, Officer.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

If you will be asking somebody. So, it only goes to show that the proponent is not prepared and is not well versed with the lease agreement.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

Uh, that is very...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Because he cannot ably defend the proposition.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

That is very unfair, Mr. Chairman, we were there for three hearings, at least three hearings, all of us. You could have asked right then and there for the...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

But what would prevent me, if I will ask it again right now?

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

That is why I am asking our Budget Officer to, uh. That is why exactly Mr. Chairman, I am asking that the rules be suspended.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

So that we can ask the Budget Officer for the, uh, necessary documentation...

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

Uh, consider the question in a manner that we go into the documents, in the draft clean draft agreement, um, that was presented to each and every one of us. It says that it is a Philippine corporation, duly organized and existing in accordance with Philippine laws. Now, uh, your, uh, request, uh, Councilor Azarcon, is for the presentation of the articles of incorporation.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, because after that, I have several follow up questions. Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

Well, I do not think that, uh.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, because after that I have several follow-up questions, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Well, I don't think that the Chair can, or rather, the proponent has that document right now, but probably you can reserve that for...for the moment, no one is ready, of course, to present the Articles of Incorporation because we relied so much on what is presented to us during the committee as a whole that the CP Food Philippines is a domestic corporation. But then again, to satisfy your requirements of having to present the Articles of Incorporation, of course, the proponent cannot have it now. But for some other period of time probably, we can have it presented by CP Foods.

Honorable Azarcon yielded but ask further whether the incorporators of Charoen Pokphand Food Philippines Corporation have been identified which the proponent answered in the negative.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Fourth question, as the proponent, have you personally talked or have personally encountered to the representatives of CP Foods in the persons of Mr. Montri Bumbat, Vice President, and Mr. Thaweesak Lapthanakupaisal? Have you seen these persons?

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes or no? Yes or no? You just tell, answer...go ahead...

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

No, Mr. Chair.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

No? But yet you are now proposing for the approval of this contract and the representative themselves, with you as the Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

There were representatives here, Councilor Azarcon, but these persons ...

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Mr. Chairman, ...

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Hm, we had no, we were...to me personally, during the discussion is that, when this was referred to us as Committee as a whole, there was never any query about us having seen all these persons, in the same manner that in ordinary contract that are being referred to us, we do not require the presence here of the principal or whoever, but only the representatives because they are equipped with the power to represent the corporation, especially also with personalities involved. But, the answer of Councilor Abian is to the effect that we have not been able to see them personal.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Mr. Chairman, may I be recognized. If I may, you know, we have this presumption of regularity Mr. Chairman, and the Sangguniang Panlungsod being a co-equal body of the Office of the City Mayor, we are duty-bound to, at least, expect that all the regularities has been, has been followed, all the rules has been followed. Now, is it not a fact, Mr. Chairman, that the Honorable Cacer and a group of Councilors travelled to the one of the ahhm, what do you call this, one of the facilities of this CP Foods, were you able to meet the general manager, at least?

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

No, no. For your information, Sir, we were there, we, the City Government facilitated our travel in Dalaguete ba to? Cebu.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

I am not questioning...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Yes, yes...let me continue, kabayo kaw kon diin ra kami kutob?

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

No, no.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

557 *Did-on ra kami sa gate, ya kami kasuyod. So, how, how would we describe our travel.*

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

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561 *That is very unfortunate, Mr. Chairman.*

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563 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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565 *That is why I am asking a question now because I am not yet satisfied.*

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

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569 *But again, Mr. Chairman...*

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571 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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573 *You cannot just simply tell me or describe something that we have not yet personally*
574 *experience.*

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576 Honorable Catre pointed that as members of the Sanggunian Panlungsod, their
577 obligation is only up to the review of the contract and not to answer questions that is
578 supposedly to be answered by the City Mayor.

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580 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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582 *Yes, yes, I understand. Now, there is already a motion for the approval of the*
583 *committee report, Mr. Chairman, and considering the fact that few of my questions cannot*
584 *be satisfactorily answered, all the more, the follow-up questions which are interrelated.*

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

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588 *You can, you can..*

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590 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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592 *I am registering my vehement objection for the approval of the Lease Agreement*
593 *as proposed...*

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

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597 *We are not yet, we are not as yet, Councilor Azarcon, in the approval of...we are*
598 *as yet in the committee report. Okay?*

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600 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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602 *My, I stand corrected, Mr. Chairman, I am registering my objection for the*
603 *approval of the committee report of the Honorable Abian.*

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

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607 *Okay, well taken that there is that objection. So, is there any other members of this*
608 *council who would exercise his right to make any discussion under the period of*
609 *discussion? There is none. Any amendment to the motion? There is none. So, since there*
610 *has been an objection earlier, we will divide the house as to whether or not we will approve*
611 *the committee report rendered to us earlier by Honorable Abian, insofar as this CP Foods*
612 *Lease Agreement is concerned.*

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614 *So, the Chair now would like to know who are those in favor of us adopting the*
615 *committee report of Councilor Abian, insofar as this CP Foods project is concerned.*
616 *Please raise your right hand for us to be able to register your vote.*

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618 *We have Councilor Aldonza, we have Councilor Abian, Councilor Catre, Councilor*
619 *Casurra, Councilor Ravelo and Councilor Edulzura.*

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621 *Who are against the against the approval of the motion, please raise your right hand.*
622 *Councilor Azarcon, Councilor Nagas and Councilor Yuipco.*

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624 *Who are abstaining?*

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

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628 *Mr. Chairman, may I make of record my abstention, Mr. Chairman.*

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

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632 *Councilor Bayana is abstaining.*

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

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636 *I'm also abstaining, Mr. Chair.*

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638 For the record, six (6) voted in favor of approving the motion to adopt the
639 committee report, three (3) voted against and two (2) chose to abstain. Hence, the motion
640 to adopt the committee report was hereby approved.

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642 Thereafter, a motion was presented to pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable
643 City Mayor to sign the said Lease Agreement as basis for securing the required loan with
644 any government banking institution to finance the same.

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646 During discussion, Honorable Azarcon registered his objection for the same reason
647 previously discussed.

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649 To address the objection, the Presiding Officer decided to divide the house for
650 another vote. Six (6) members favored the resolution, two (2) objected, and three (3)
651 abstained. The resolution authorizing the City Mayor to sign the Lease Agreement was
652 approved with 6 affirmative votes, to wit:

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656 **RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 2024**

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658 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY**
659 **MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II TO SIGN THE LEASE**
660 **AGREEMENT WITH CHAROEN POKPHAND FOODS PHILIPPINES**
661 **CORPORATION AS THE BASIS FOR SECURING THE REQUIRED**
662 **LOAN FROM ANY GOVERNMENT BANKING INSTITUTION TO**
663 **FINANCE THE SWINE FARM PROJECT (BREEDER FARM).**

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666 **WHEREAS,** the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an endorsement from
667 the City Mayor denominated as Urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution
668 authorizing him to enter into a Contract of Lease with Charoen Pokphand Foods
669 Corporation;

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, the Sangguniang Panlungsod as a Committee discussed and deliberated the Draft of Lease Agreement submitted by the Office of the City Mayor;

WHEREAS, the Committee has identified certain issues, including the need for proper authorization of the signatory of CP Management by its Board of Directors, correction of Article 24, paragraph 6 to stipulate that the contract shall be binding upon the successors-in-interest of both parties during the existence of the contract, and further deliberation on other provisions;

WHEREAS, the clean draft of the Lease Agreement, incorporating all necessary amendments, has been forwarded by the Office of the City Mayor, and the Committee recommends its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian seconded by Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, with an objection being raised therein by Honorable Cacel R. Azarcon, the following resolution was put to a vote, to wit:

Voted favorably:

- 1. *Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza*
- 2. *Hon. Baltazar C. Abian*
- 3. *Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr.*
- 4. *Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra*
- 5. *Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo*
- 6. *Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo*

Voted against:

- 1. *Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas*
- 2. *Hon. Cacel R. Azarcon*

Abstain:

- 1. *Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli*
- 2. *Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana*
- 3. *Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco*

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved with Six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to sign the Lease Agreement with Charoen Pokphand Foods Philippines Corporation as the basis for securing the required loan from any Government Banking Institution to finance the Swine Farm Project (Breeder Farm).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, Charoen Pokphand Foods Philippines Corporation, Land Bank of the Philippines -Surigao Branch, and Development Bank of the Philippines - Surigao Branch for their information and guidance.

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters: None

B. Urgent Matters:

- Letter from Mr. Peter Paul C. Go of Surigao Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Inc., denominated as URGENT, re: Request for the Temporary Road Closure of the portion of Kaimo Street Area bounded by San Nicolas and Borromeo Streets from vehicle traffic on the day of the Chinese New Year on February 10, 2024.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

We are under First Reading, you move this to be calendared under urgent matter, although this is already an urgent matter. We are considering this under 2nd Reading already. So, you have the floor now, Councilor Abian.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Okay, again, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues, good afternoon.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

You have the draft of the ordinance? Presented to the members of this council?

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ACTING SP SECRETARY:

Yes, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Mr. Chair?

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Here is an endorsement from the City Mayor, respectfully referred to the Committee on Transportation and Communication, Mr. Chair, specified as urgent, requesting the City Councilor to pass an ordinance for a Temporary Road Closure of the portion of Kaimo Street Area bounded by San Nicolas and Borromeo Streets from the vehicle traffic at the February 10, 2024, giving way to the Surigao Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Mr. Chair, I move that the said ordinance be post on the 2nd reading.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

We are now already under second reading, you just read Section 1 so that if there is any amendment we can immediately proceed with the amendment.

Hon. Baltazar C. Abian presented the proposed ordinance providing the Surigao Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Inc. a venue for their planned Chinese New Year

activity. The proposal includes a temporary road closure of a section of Kaimo Street, bounded by San Nicolas and Borromeo Streets on February 10, 2024 to accommodate the Chinese New Year celebration. The ordinance also outlines various activities planned by the Surigao Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the Chinese New Year.

The Presiding Officer clarified that the road closure was only for Kaimo bounded by San Nicolas, and Borromeo Streets. Hon. Abian confirmed this, specifying the exact location near the Chinese Chamber.

The proposed ordinance also includes provisions such as hanging Chinese Lanterns across Kaimo Street, cooking and distributing "Tikoy" in the area, a separability clause, and an effectivity date of January 25, 2024.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

That is not effectivity, that's enacted on. Okay, you make, I don't like the wordings. Anyway, sig. Any more discussion? Under the period of discussion. If there is none, we go to the period of amendment. Anyone who would wish to amend the 6 sections that are presented to us in this proposed ordinance denominated as urgent? There is none, is there any objection to have this approve under second reading? There is none, then I would like to have that motion to approve this.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

I move to suspend the rules, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

You approve this first under second reading. I need a motion that we approve this under second reading.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Mr. Chair, since the ordinance certified as urgent, may I move that the said ordinance be approved on second reading.

The motion to approve on 2nd 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 3rd 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:

**ORDINANCE NO.492
SERIES OF 2024**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF THE PORTION ALONG KAIMO STREET FROM CORNER SAN NICOLAS STREET TO CORNER BORROMEO STREET, FOR SURIGAO FILIPINO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED AS VENUE FOR THE UPCOMING CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITY ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024.

SECTION 1. The Surigao Chinese Chamber of Commerce Incorporated is planning and preparing some activities for the upcoming Chinese New Year.

SECTION 2. Temporary road closure of the portion of along Kaimo Street from Corner San Nicolas Street to Corner Borromeo Street from vehicle traffic on February 10, 2024, Chinese New year.

SECTION 3. Allowing to hang Chinese lanterns across the street of Kaimo from Corner San Nicolas Street to Corner Borromeo Street.

SECTION 4. Allowing to cook and distribute “TIKOY” in the area.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provision not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are likewise repealed or deemed modified.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Surigao.

Enacted on January 25, 2024.

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

RULES ARE REINSTATED.

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the turnover of data of the Community Based-Monitoring System.

Honorable Aldonza was recognized.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to fellow councilors.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Go ahead.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Since, the indorsement letter from the City Mayor is urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippine Statistics Authority for the turnover of data of the Community Based-Monitoring System.

As I able to review and read the Memorandum of Agreement is the first only for the turnover of the Community Based-Monitoring System which is previously also the Philippine

Statistics Authority and the LGU has also entered a MOA dated September 21, 2022, stating therein the obligations and this is now the expected outputs.

May I read Mr. Chair. Implementing of the CBMS in the city, conduct training of the data collection, data processing generation of statistical table and poverty maps and local-level planning and budgeting, establishing of CBMS data, generation of statistical table and poverty maps, integration of CBMS data in the local governance processes such as but not limited to local planning, investment programming, budgeting, program identification, and implementation, as well as Disaster Risk Reduction and Management measures and lastly documentation of CBMS implementation best practices and lesson learned. Further, Mr. Chair, we have already established our own CBMS data and it would be favorable for the use of our local planning program of our city.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Who is in charge here? Can we request the appearance here of the CPDO so that...

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

City Planning, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

We can have this, we can have this recorded sa minutes that the, because this is merely a resolution that authorizes the City Mayor to accept the CBMS project output. The question is, do we have already the complete output that would be the basis for us to issue or grant a resolution to the City Mayor to accept the said data/output? We cannot just proceed with having this without being clearly shown that the output of the CBMS has already been completed. Is there, do you have any knowledge if there has been already a letter that would tell us that the same has already been completed?

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Considering, Mr. Chair, this is an urgent I don't have, maybe we have to call the city planning.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

But we don't have any basis as yet to have this. Will anyone of the staff be able to request Halan Besario or whoever is in charge to be here to give us a reasonable frame of reference as to whether or not the output project has already been completed for us to be able also to be guided upon as to whether or not this has already been completed because the wordings of the resolution is to accept.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes, Mr. Chair. Can we have just a recess.

The Presiding Officer declared a **RECESS**, thereafter session **RESUMED**.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

We will reinstate the rules. Councilor Aldonza, you continue with your report.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

939 *Yes, Mr. Chair. Since we have already the basis. For this, Mr. Chair, may I*
 940 *respectfully move for the passage of the resolution authorizing our City Mayor to enter*
 941 *into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippines Statistics Authority for the turnover*
 942 *of the data of the Community Based-Monitoring System. I so move, Mr. Chair.*

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 944 The motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:
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 948 **RESOLUTION NO. 19 - 2024**
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950 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY**
 951 **MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ENTER INTO AN**
 952 **AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**
 953 **(PSA) FOR THE TURNOVER OF DATA OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED**
 954 **MONITORING SYSTEM.**
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 957 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from
 958 the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor
 959 to enter into an Agreement with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the turnover
 960 of data of the Community-Based Monitoring System;
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962 **WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2022, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and
 963 Local Government Unit of Surigao (LGU) entered into an Agreement to facilitate the
 964 implementation of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) as per RA 11315;
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966 **WHEREAS**, the Data Turnover Agreement outlines the obligations and
 967 responsibilities of both parties regarding the CBMS, including the Delivery of Data (2023
 968 CBMS Data), Authority to receive Data, Error Corrections, Further Processing and
 969 Enhancements, Storage and Disposal, Application Privacy Policy, Data Sharing, Release
 970 of Statistics, Liabilities, Modifications and Waivers, and Assignment;
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972 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza seconded by
 973 Honorable Baltzar C. Abian, it was unanimously
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975 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo
 976 Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into an Agreement with the Philippine Statistics Authority
 977 (PSA) for the turnover of data of the Community-Based Monitoring System.
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979 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable
 980 City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) and
 981 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), for their information and guidance.
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983 **C. Business of the Day:**
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985 2nd Reading:
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- 987 • Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Adopting And Implementing the
- 988 Bantay ASF Sa Barangay or The BaBay ASF Into the City of Surigao,
- 989 Providing Funds Therefor, Prescribing Penalties For Violation Thereof,
- 990 And For Other Purposes.

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 992 Honorable Yuipco was recognized.
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994 **HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:**
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996 *I move for the adoption for second reading...*

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

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1000 *Your blood pressure is okay? Sugar, okay also?*

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1002 **HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:**

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1004 *Okay, Mr. Chair.*

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1006 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1008 *Go ahead.*

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1010 **HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:**

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1012 *For the adoption of my, for second reading my proposal, an Ordinance adopting*
 1013 *and implementing the Bantay ASF sa barangay or the Babay ASF program into the City*
 1014 *of Surigao, providing funds therefor, prescribing penalties for violation thereof, and for*
 1015 *other purposes.*

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1017 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1019 *You go immediately to Section 1. Are you following this although anyway, the*
 1020 *whereas clause just, section 1-objectives. Anyone who would wish to make an amendment?*
 1021 *That is basic naman eh. Section 2- scope. You read section 2, Councilor, proponent.*

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1023 Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco presented the ordinance applicable to all swine raisers
 1024 and traders of live pigs, pork, and pork-based products in the City of Surigao. The
 1025 ordinance covers administrative matters related to all barangay government units and their
 1026 officials.

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1028 The Presiding Officer clarified the scope of the ordinance is for the City of Surigao
 1029 and all barangay government units. Section 4, focusing on the creation of the City ASF
 1030 task force, which includes various members from different government offices and
 1031 agencies.

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1033 Members of the task force include the City Mayor, City Administrator, City
 1034 Veterinary Office, City Legal Officer, City Councilors, and representatives from different
 1035 organizations such as the Bureau of Fire Protection, Food and Drug Administration, and
 1036 Non-Government Organizations.

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1038 There was a brief discussion about including the Civil Aviation Authority of the
 1039 Philippines (CAAP) in the task force due to concerns about the transportation of swine
 1040 products via air travel.

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1042 The Presiding Officer clarified in Section 7 that it is the responsibility of all Punong
 1043 Barangays to direct and conduct the listing of swine raisers. In Section 8. Mandatory
 1044 Availment of Swine Insurance Coverage. The City Veterinary Office is hereby directed to
 1045 facilitate the application for insurance coverage of all swine raised in the mainland and
 1046 island barangays with the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

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1048 Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli raised a question about lechons sold in Surigao
 1049 City, and it was clarified that if the lechon is sourced and consumed within the city, no
 1050 permit is needed. However, if it comes from outside, the necessary requirements must be
 1051 met.

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The discussion continued with sections related to the movement and transport of animals and meat products, disease monitoring, biosecurity implementation, violations, prohibited acts, and penalties.

Honorable Baltazar C. Abian then raised concerns about the inspection of chorizo coming from Cebu and how it would be handled at the veterinary checkpoints. Honorable Geli explained that checkpoints on the mainland would handle inspections, while those from other regions would be managed by the Bureau of Quarantine and the Philippine Ports Authority.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, any more amendments that you would want to propose? Any objection? If there is none, the chair now entertains a motion to approve this proposed Ordinance under second reading.

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

Ah Mr. Chair, I'm proposing for the approval of the second reading, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

There is now a motion. Is there any second to approve this proposed Ordinance under second reading?

HON. SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS / HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Second.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Second. Any objection? Hearing none. The proposed Ordinance adopting and implementing the Bantay ASF sa Barangay or the Babay ASF Program in the City of Surigao is hereby approved under second reading. Calendar this under third and final reading in the next regular session.

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

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OTHER MATTERS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 4th Regular Session was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of January 25, 2024.

(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. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

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

Gracious and merciful Father, as we conclude this session, we humbly come before you with hearts full of gratitude for guiding our deliberations, for the insights shared, and for the decisions made in the pursuit of the common good.

Bless our City with unity, prosperity, and peace. May today's decisions contribute to the well-being and progress of all our citizens.

Lord, we entrust the outcomes of our discussions and the decisions into your hands. Guide us in the days ahead, and may your grace be evident in our work for the betterment of our beloved City. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

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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

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City Councilor

CACEL R. AZARCON
City Councilor

JOENIL B. ALDONZA
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Presiding Officer