

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 5th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 1, 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 February 1, 2024.

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OPENING PRAYER

HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

Let us bow down our heads and feel the presence of the Lord. Let us pray.

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

Our most gracious, kind and Heavenly Father. We thank You for this wonderful day that you've given to us this afternoon.

We come to You today asking for Your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this session. Help us engage in meaningful discussion, allow us to grow closer as leaders and nurture the bonds of community.

We humbly ask Your guidance and may Your Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds to give us a meaningful knowledge to make this session successful.

Let your love be upon us. And we humbly ask your forgiveness for all our sins.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

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

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60 **SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM**
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65 **ROLL CALL**
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67 The roll call was conducted with all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
68 listed herein as present in attendance, and thereafter a **QUORUM** was declared.
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72 **PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE**
73 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
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75 Before the approval of the Minutes, Acting SP Secretary, Mrs. Edna B. Siega read
76 the resolutions that were passed and approved in the previous regular session.
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78 Thereafter, Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas was recognized and presented a
79 motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by
80 Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously
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82 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 25, 2024,
83 re: Resolution Nos. 14-19 be as it is hereby approved.
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87 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**
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94 **INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND**
95 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
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97 On motion of Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, duly seconded by Honorable
98 Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously
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100 **RESOLVED,** to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 5th Regular
101 Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 1 February, 2024, as prepared and presented.
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105 **FIRST READING:**
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- 107 • Proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.
108 316, Series of 2011, An Ordinance Fixing the fees for the Courses and
109 Trainings at the Livelihood Training and Productivity Center, its
110 operation and for Other Purposes." (Committee on Ways and Means)
- 111 • Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 491,
112 series of 2024, Section 1 - Goodwill Money and Rental (Committee on
113 Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise)

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REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

- a. Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Committee of Urban Development and Land Use —
 - Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as **URGENT**, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to Apply for a Gratuitous Permit with Deparment of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on a portion of Lot No. 7928 located in Sitio Panubigon, Barangay Lipata, this city for the establishment of an Eco-Village and Badjao Settlements project dubbed as "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao."
- b. Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise —
 - Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council for adoption and for the passage of a resolution, the Local Finance Committee (LFC) Resolution No. 01, series of 2024, A Resolution Endorsing to the Local Chief Executive the **2023 Local Revenue Code of the City of Surigao**.
- c. Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise —
 - Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as **URGENT**, returning the approved ordinance No. 491, series of 2024 to the City Council with the proposed amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

COMMITTEE REPORT
Committee on Urban Development and Land Use

Subject of the Report: *A Request from the City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to be allowed to accept a Donation to be made by the Canlanipa Homeowner’s Association Incorporated.*

Facts: *The City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, in an endorsement, requested for authority from the Sangguniang Panlungsod to accept a donation to be made by the Canlanipa Homeowner’s Association Incorporated, represented by its President Virginia G.Yllarina.*

The Canlanipa Homeowner’s Association Incorporated passed Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023, allowing Mrs. Yllarina to represent it in the corresponding Deed of Donation.

This was the subject of a committee hearing and, beforehand, this was returned to the Office of the City Mayor because the Deed of Donation, as prepared, did not contain the technical description of the specific portion to be donated to the city government.

Incidentally, the portion to be donated is supposed to be a road and which will be cemented by the city government.

The deficiency of the Deed of Donation has already been corrected and the technical description of the portion of Lot No. 796-A-2-A-3-B-2-B-2-B-3 owned by the Canlanipa Homeowner's Association Incorporated and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 162-2019000444 has already been provided. A portion of it with an area of Six hundred eighty-six square meters (686 sq.m.) will be donated to the city government which will be cemented by the city government.

Recommendation: The Committee on Urban Development and Land Use finds the request to be reasonable for the convenience of the residents of Barangay Canlanipa of the city and 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:

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RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ACCEPT THE DEED OF DONATION TO BE MADE BY THE CANLANIPA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED FOR A PORTION OF LOT NO. 796-A-2-A-3-B-2-B-2-B-3 WITH AN AREA OF SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX SQUARE METERS (686 SQM).

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a letter from the City Legal Officer, Atty. Lex Joshua Andrew U. Silvosa, endorsing the revised Deed of Donation between the City Government of Surigao represented by the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and Canlanipa Homeowner's Association, Inc. represented by its President, Virginia G. Ellarina;

WHEREAS, the Canlanipa Homeowners' Association Incorporated passed Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023, allowing Mrs. Virginia G. Ellarina to represent the corresponding Deed of Donation;

WHEREAS, a committee hearing was conducted to review the request and during the process, it was discovered that the Deed of Donation did not contain the technical description of the specific portion intended for donation to the City Government;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the committee hearing, the deficiency in the Deed of Donation has been rectified, with the inclusion of the technical description of a portion of Lot No. 796-A-2-A-3-B-2-B-2-B-3, owned by the Canlanipa Homeowners' Association Incorporated, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 162-2019000444, with an area of six hundred eighty-six square meters (686 sqm), which will be utilized by the City Government for the construction of a road to benefit the residents of Barangay Canlanipa;

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

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to accept the Deed of Donation to be made by the Canlanipa

Homeowners’ Association Incorporated for a portion of Lot No. 796-A-2-A-3-B-2-B-2-B-3 with an area of six hundred eighty-six square meters (686 sqm).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, City Legal Office and Canlanipa Homeowners’ Association Incorporated for their information and guidance.

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Honorable Geli was recognized.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to everyone. Committee Report under the Committee on Education, Culture, and Heritage.

COMMITTEE REPORT
Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage

SUBJECT:
Resolution requesting financial assistance from City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II for the participants of Caraga Regional Science High School to the Thailand International Olympiad.

FACTS/FINDINGS:
The participants from Caraga Regional High School represented by their Principal Mr. Hermiette F. Lerog, and the team coach Mrs. Gemma C. Orozco has sent a letter addressed to the City Council requesting financial assistance from this August body to defray portion of the expenses of the students/participants to the said event.

A committee hearing was conducted together with the members of the committee, our City Budget Officer Atty. Jeffrey P. Galido and representatives from CRSH.

It was explained that appropriation from the Annual Budget and School Board Fund has no allocation for the said event since the budget was prepared the year prior and was already submitted and approved already.

It was recommended that the city council pass a resolution asking financial assistance from the City Mayor for the benefit of the participants of CRSH for the Thailand International Math Olympiad Finals 2024 to be held on April 26-29, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Committee on Education Culture and Heritage hereby recommends that a resolution be passed asking financial assistance from the City Mayor Pablo Yves Dumlao II for the benefit of the participants of CRSH to the Thailand International Math Olympiad Finals 2024.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ASKING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II FOR

THE BENEFIT OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF CARAGA REGIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (CRSH) TO THE THAILAND INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD FINALS 2024.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987. Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.";

WHEREAS, the participants for the Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad Finals 2024 from Caraga Regional Science High School (CRSH), represented by their Principal Mr. Hermiette F. Lerog and Team Coach Mrs. Gemma C. Orozco, have formally requested financial assistance from the City Council to help defray a portion of the expenses for their participation to the said event;

WHEREAS, it was found out during a committee hearing with the members of the Committee on Education, Culture, and Heritage, City Budget Officer Atty. Jeffrey P. Galido, and representatives from Caraga Regional Science High School (CRSH), that there is no specific allocation in the Annual Budget and School Board Fund for the aforementioned event, as the budget was prepared the year prior and has already been submitted and approved;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli seconded by Honorable Sebastion Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution asking for financial assistance to the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II for the benefit of the participants of Caraga Regional Science High School (CRSH) to the Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad Finals 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, and Caraga Regional Science High School (CRSH), for their information and guidance.

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Honorable Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Thank you Mr. Chair and good afternoon to my colleagues.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES

SUBJECT:

LETTER FROM THE CITY MAYOR REQUESTING THE CONCURENCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THE LETTER CORRESPONDENCE ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF KIV MARKETING CORPORATION BASED FROM MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA, REPRESENTED BY MR. KIRY LORENZO, FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING THREE (3) SECTIONS OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL LANTERNS IN THE CITY PROPER FOR FREE.

FACTS/ FINDINGS:

- *IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE HON. MAYOR PABLO YVES DURLAO II, A PROPOSAL TO MODERNIZE EXISTING TRAFFIC*

SIGNAL LANTERNS TO NEW GENERATION LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LANTERNS AT NO COST.

- IN ITS LETTER THEY (KIV MARKETING CO.) ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIELD OF SMART CITY PROJECT TO OFFER MODERNIZE THE TRAFFIC LANTERNS ALONG RIZAL-AMAT, RIZAL-NARCISO, RIZAL-SAN NICOLAS NEW GENERATION LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTS FOR FREE TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO.
- INCLUDED IN THE MODERNIZATION ARE LED PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AND PUSH BUTTONS. HOWEVER, THE MODERNIZATION WILL NOT TOUCH THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER.

Ah Mr. Chair we have our recommendation that the offer of the KIV Marketing Corporation, based from Manila, Makati City, Metro Manila represented by Kiry Lorenzo to the modernization of the existing three sections of traffic lights lantern in the city proper for free.

Mr. Chair I move for the adoption 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. 24 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF KIV MARKETING CO., BASED IN MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA, REPRESENTED BY MR. KIRBY LORENZO, FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE EXISTING THREE (3) SECTIONS OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL LANTERNS IN THE CITY PROPER FOR FREE.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a letter from the City Mayor, requesting concurrence from the City Council regarding the acceptance of the offer presented in the letter-correspondence from KIV Marketing Co., based in Makati City, Metro Manila, represented by Mr. Kirby Lorenzo, for the modernization of the existing three (3) sections of Traffic Signal Lanterns in the city proper for free;

WHEREAS, KIV Marketing Co. proposed the modernization of three (3) sections of traffic signal lanterns specifically along Rizal - Amat, Rizal - Narciso, and Rizal - San Nicolas, with new generation LED traffic signal lights including LED pedestrian lights and push buttons;

WHEREAS, the offer is part of KIV Marketing Company's initiative to support the administration in the field of smart city projects and contribute to the improvement of traffic management in the city;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Communication, and Utilities has thoroughly reviewed the proposal and recommends the acceptance of this generous offer;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian seconded by Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to accept the offer of KIV Marketing Co., based in Makati City, Metro Manila, represented by Mr. Kirby Lorenzo, for the modernization of the existing three (3) sections of Traffic Signal Lanterns in the city proper for free.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, and KIV Marketing Co., Makati City, Metro Manila, for their information and guidance.

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting for a Resolution for the Declaration of the area located at Surigao City Boulevard (I Love Surigao Area) as Marine Sanctuary with an approximate area of 5,326 sq.m. (Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries)

Honorable Yuipco informed the august body that last committee meeting, it was discussed that the BFAR will still have to conduct ocular inspection to assess the area. The Acting Secretary was directed by the Presiding Officer to coordinate with the City Agriculture's Office.

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- Proposed Ordinance An Ordinance Establishing a Senior Citizen Center in Surigao City and its Fifty-Four Barangays, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes. (Committee on Social Welfare)
- Proposed Ordinance An 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. (Committee on Social Welfare)

Honorable Aldonza requested the Acting Secretary to calendar the two Proposed Ordinances for second reading in the next session and schedule a committee meeting next week.

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the proposed ordinance entitled, an Ordinance known as Surigao City Tricycle Management Code of 2023. (Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities)

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA / ACTING SP SECRETARY:

Mr. Chair this proposed Ordinance, the members of the committee conducted a series of committee hearing, last August 9, January 19 and another meeting on the last January 31, with the City Vice- Mayor, TTFO, Consultant, the Philippine National Police, Highway Patrol Group, Chief of Traffic Enforcer, and all chapter President of Tricycle and Bao-Bao President was invited, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

454 *So, again schedule this with the coordination of the Chief Committee on*
 455 *Transportation.*

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- 459 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding the herein request of
 460 Lucky Taya Gaming Corporation represented by Lucky Fortune Bingo
 461 Gaming Corporation for a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for
 462 operation of E-Billiards betting station/s.
- 464 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, re: request of Lucky Fortune Bingo
 465 Gaming Corporation (LFBGC) under the license of Triple Diamond
 466 Gaming Inc. for a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for the set-up
 467 and operation of betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games
 468 within the City of Surigao.
- 470 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the
 471 Local Finance Committee Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023, a
 472 Resolution Recommending to the Local Chief Executive the herein
 473 Recommendation from the Local Finance Committee (LFC) for the
 474 Granting of Franchise for the Operation of a Cockpit Arena of New
 475 Zabala Recreational Center in Sitio Kinabutan, Barangay Rizal, Surigao
 476 City.

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

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 480 *Kindly calendar this again for committee hearing next week. So, puno kita next week*
 481 *sige lang, okay next next.*

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- 485 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council for a
 486 passage of a resolution allowing the LGU of the Municipality of Madrid,
 487 Surigao del Sur, to utilize the Sanitary Landfill Facilities under the
 488 jurisdiction of the City of Surigao for the disposal of their municipal
 489 solid waste for a time period of one (1) year, subject for renewal.

491 Honorable Catre, requested to schedule the matter for committee meeting by last
 492 week of February.

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 495 **B. Urgent Matters:**

- 497 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as **URGENT**,
 498 requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to Apply
 499 for a Gratuitous Permit with Department of Environment and Natural
 500 Resources (DENR) on a portion of Lot No. 7928 located in Sitio
 501 Panubigon, Barangay Lipata, this city for the establishment of an Eco-
 502 Village and Badjao Settlements project dubbed as "Huy-anan nan Badjao
 503 sa Surigao."

504 **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource persons to join the discussion.

505 **MR. URIEL EUGENIO/ ASSISTANT CPDO OFFICER:**

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507 Yes Sir, good afternoon Mr. Chair, may I request for the presentation here. I
 508 prepared a brief presentation about the project and the whole Eco-Village and the other
 509 known "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao". It's actually located in the same area of
 510 portion of lots no. 7928 in Sitio Panubigon.

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 512 So for background of the project, so the area actually has been declared as DENR
 513 Eco-Village by virtue of Department of Administrative Order of DENR way back during
 514 the time of Secretary Cerilles in 1999, 99-42. Actually the Administrative Order declared
 515 not only this portion in Surigao City but in a whole Caraga Region. So, it's the purpose of
 516 the DAO is declaring and setting aside certain tracts of Public Forest Land for DENR
 517 employees forest production hence the name DENR Eco-Village.

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 519 Then through the years this was never developed since 1999 then during the present
 520 administration we have initial discussions of DENR on how to go about developing the
 521 area. So eventually we have some talks with the DENR and it was agreed not yet on a
 522 formal agreement to jointly develop the area. Then portion of this site is proposed to be to
 523 provide permanent settlement area for Sama Badjao tribe that's the Badjao in Surigao.
 524 Next, so this is the salient points of the previous slide please, previous. For under DAO 99-
 525 42, next.

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 527 So, the DENR AO 99 is really for DENR employees. For Surigao City that's the
 528 one on the bottom portion. For CENRO it's the Surigao City open and swampy area
 529 containing a land area of 20 hectares for the Eco- Village project. But our initial talks with
 530 the DENR is they cannot develop the area. So they are offering at least 50% of the site to
 531 Surigao City so that we can jointly develop the area. That is still subject to formal
 532 agreement. Next please, so that is the site, that is just beside the if you are familiar with
 533 Sitio Panubigon. That this on the last bridge of Banahaw, that's the Banahaw bridge.

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 535 Next, so if you look at it the one on the yellow is the port area where the present
 536 Badjao is residing. Then the other one is that's on Sitio Panubigon. Why are we looking
 537 into transferring our brother Badjaos? Next slide, recently the City Development Council
 538 has already approved the portion delineation for the expansion of the Surigao Port. And
 539 portion of that next slide, that is now the plan of the PPA. So kaunon ang location nan mga
 540 Badjao with the port expansion. Besides there is really no parcellary land that forms part
 541 with the national index to city that would at least give a certain tenure to our Bajor tribe.

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 543 Next, so this is now the sketch plan from the DENR that's the whole 20 hectares but
 544 only 4 hectares or about 20% of the area can be allocated for at this settlements
 545 development. But the whole 20 hectares the remaining area will be for cultivation and
 546 conservation. This will remain as timberland classification. Next, so that's the location, it
 547 is just the innermost portion of Sitio Panubigon. Next, the site conditions is of course it's
 548 expose it is expose to geohazards; flooding storm surge, tsunami and liquefaction. There
 549 is the presence of informal settlements. There are existing mangroves in the area. Large
 550 portion are underwater, some relatively deep. Which actually favors our plan for the
 551 Badjao, kay according to their culture dili ni sila pwede mohuya sa lupa kay masakit daw
 552 sila. So they have to stay on the water.

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 554 Next, so this is the initial site development plan for the 4 hectares only not the whole
 555 20 hectares. That we developed about only 2.13 hectares will be for the Badjao and the
 556 remaining will be for the DENR Eco-Village. So the one with the pink portion is what we
 557 are allocating for "Huy Anan nan Badjao" and the upper portion, on the Northern part
 558 just beside the Sitio Panubigon is for the DENR Eco-Village component. If you notice the
 559 kanang mga itom nga dots, the design does not eliminate or cut any of the existing
 560 mangroves trees it's just conforms to the existing mangroves and there was even a plan,
 561 parts of the management plan is to propagate further the mangroves as natural protection
 562 mechanism for the area natural buffer.

Next, so that's the housing component plan it's going to be a quadruplex to lower the cost stilted on the water. The cost I think is about 300 to 340,000.00 per housing unit. This is a combination of concrete, wood, bamboo and GI.

Next, so that's the frontal elevation of the design of the project. So ways moving forward next slide, in terms of development considerations primary is of course safety for hazard mitigation and allowing emergency access. If you remember during Odette our brother Badjaos were the first to evacuate. So, none of them suffered any casualty. And balik sa... of course ecological and environmental considerations we have to maintain the area as timberland it is still a classified forest. We are looking into the livability, functionality and as mentioned earlier cultural-sensitivity of the Bajaos.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

What about the Eco- Village?

MR. URIEL EUGENIO/ ASSISTANT CPDO OFFICER:

The Eco-Village would form part of the phase 2 component, Mr. Chair. That is what we are going to discuss still with DENR on how to go about with the Management and Development Plan. But for the phase 1, which is the "Huy Anan nan Badjao that is what we are proposing to apply for in the gratuitous permit and cost consideration. So, why do gratuitous permit next, the legal basis, it is actually a new Department Administrative Order released by DENR in 2022 this is the DAO-22-01. And next, the requirements for this guidelines, the subject of the DAO is actually guidelines in granting government agencies for gratuitous permit for especial uses of forest lands. So, that is only good for 5 years. But the discussion with the DENR is we could proceed with the application for the release of the area or provide and apply for special land dispute via Presidential Proclamation for the forest land.

Next, so this are the requirements and the qualification for Local Chief Executive, there is a need for the authorization from the Local Legislative bodies. Yes, that's for 5.2 Mr. Chair and letter I under Section 6. So that is why we are presenting this to the Honorable august body to...

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR:

Can you please read it to us we have no copy of that.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

Letter I.

MR. URIEL EUGENIO/ ASSISTANT CPDO OFFICER:

For letter I, first for Section 5, qualification of applicant under 5.2; The Local Chief Executive at the municipal city or provincial level duly authorized by the Local Legislative Bodies. Then for application requirements under Section 6, letter I; Resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to apply for gratuitous special use permit (in case the applicant is an Local Government Unit), so that is all, Mr. Chair. We have here with us the City ENRO for any question regarding the municipal component of the environmental component. Then the UN-Habitat with Ms. Elvie, by the way this is a jointly funded. UN-Habitat is upfronting the cost for the funding for the first 40 housing units for the Badjao and DENR, CENRO also. So that would be all, thank you Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

617 *So yes, we are just waiting for Maam Elvie to present the “Huy-Anan nan Bajao”*
 618 *she will be presenting it, but for the moment we have here the representative from the*
 619 *DENR, Sheila. Can you shed slight on this subject ma’am regarding the requirements for*
 620 *the Local Government Unit to apply for the gratuitous permit for us to be able to establish*
 621 *the project of the Badjao community.*

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 623 **MS. SHIELA HONOR / FORESTER I, DENR / RESOURCE SPEAKER::**

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 625 *Yes, Sir.*

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

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 628 *Okay you can have the floor.*

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 630 **MS. SHIELA HONOR / FORESTER I, DENR / RESOURCE SPEAKER::**

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 632 *Hello, good afternoon. In behalf of our CENR Officer Roel Efren, I am here, I’m*
 633 *Sheila Rose Honor, I’ll be presenting the requirements of gratuitous permit. The subject of*
 634 *the DAO-22-01, it is a guidelines in granting government agencies gratuitous permits for*
 635 *the special uses of forest land. It is intended that the scope and coverage of this DAO is*
 636 *this order shall cover all gratuitous use permit application for all land uses or projects that*
 637 *are non-profit or of and of national interest as well as the infrastructures for public service*
 638 *and used to be implemented and/or managed by national government agencies and Local*
 639 *Government Units.*

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 641 *Kindly ang requirements sa previous presentation, in Section 6 ay, Section 5 of this*
 642 *DAO qualification of applicants it was already discussed by Sir Uriel. The following are*
 643 *qualified to apply for GSUP, head of government agency or its duly authorized*
 644 *representative and Local Chief Executive at the Municipal, City or Provincial level duly*
 645 *authorized by the Local Legislative Bodies. In section 6, application requirements, we are*
 646 *providing the form DAO, providing the form, letter of intent, certification land status with which*
 647 *is the provided by the DENR, GIS generated map of the area which is also be with, you can also*
 648 *provide sir, assistance to LGU appropriate certification from National Commission for*
 649 *Indigenous People, Indicative Plan, Management Plan and Proof of Budget Allocation for the*
 650 *development and management of the project. Agency Resolution or authorization designated*
 651 *authorized representative of the DENR regarding Gratuitous permit acquisition. Local*
 652 *Government Unit endorsement in case of, if the applicant is in NGA, resolution authorizing the*
 653 *Local Chief Executive to apply for Gratuitous Use Permit, in case the application is an LGU.*
 654 *Then in case of LGU, a proof that proposed project is indicated in the Forest Land Use Plan*
 655 *and (FLUP) and within the ambit of the approved comprehensive land use plan.*

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 657 *That's all, Sir.*

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 659 *During the discussion it was also mentioned that after the submission of the*
 660 *requirements to the DENR, it will be forwarded to the Regional Office then to the Central*
 661 *Office and ultimately the Gratuitous Permit will be signed by the Secretary of the DENR.*

662 *Ms. Duka from the UN Habitat was then recognized.*

663 **MS. MARIA ELVIRA B. DUKA / TEAM LEADER, UN – HABITAT / RESOURCE**
 664 **PERSON:**

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 666 *Good afternoon, everyone. Good afternoon Vice, and also to the City Council, good*
 667 *afternoon. Yeah. Um, thank you for this opportunity. Yes, we are from UN-Habitat, United*
 668 *Treaties and United Nations Human Settlements Program. Uh, UN agency wherein our focus*
 669 *is on human settlements. Um, yeah. Here in the Surigao City we have the project, uh, The Huy-*
 670 *anan nan Badjao sa Surigao, which actually a supporting blue green recovery, strengthening*

resilience and promoting sustainable growth in Philippine Cities and communities through nature based solutions and circular economy. This is funded by the Spanish government and, um, we have started the implementation of the project last, uh, um, May of last year, May 2023.

And um, yeah. This, uh, this, uh, this, uh, project brief description. Um, this is a post-disaster recovery project, um, which means that strengthening and improving the capacity of the vulnerable population displaced as a result of natural disaster. In May 2022, Um, we have conducted an assessment when the Spanish government approached UN- Habitat, uh, we will have a project, uh, for the typhoon RAI survivors. Um, during that assessment, uh, we have found out that the, uh the, um, Sama Badjao Communities has this ardent need for, uh, for a certain resettlement that will, um, for certain resettlements areas. So, um, it is our role to lead, and it is our objective to really improve the living conditions of the Badjao indigenous population through the implementation of an appropriate and resilient solutions based on the nature and the circular economy, favoring the humanitarian development nexus, environmental sustainability and adaptation to climate change.

So why? Why are we focusing on the Sama Badjaos in Surigao City, uh, we have conducted a survey in, in, uh, last September 2023, and we have found out that the first Sama Badjao inhabitants in Barangay Canlanipa has really settled, uh, way back in 1970s. So, uh, some of the families are already residing for almost 50 years in Barangay Canlanipa, and then, um, there are around 170 families and 65 households, uh, residing in Purok 1, Barangay Canlanipa.

And then, uh, also the livelihood by men, are fishing, pearl vending and then government works such as garbage collector and um, as job order for CSWDO or CSWD. And then for the women, it's really more on ukay-ukay vending, sari – sari stores and household keeper. And, uh, we also found out that some still do mendicancy especially the elder ones and the children. Uh, But, um, most of the children are not going to school and they're around 3 to 4, uh, college graduates already, um, in the Sama Badjao community.

The uniqueness of the program, of the project is that the U.N. Habitat is implementing the People's Process approach. That's why when we are when we, uh, first, uh, consulted the Sama-Badjao community, then they asked us what kind of, uh, house that we are going to construct. Uh, since this is people's process approach, we thought that they will be part of the, uh, decision, that they will be part from the eval of the project in terms of the decision making on what do they what do they really want in terms of, um, house, in terms of the houses. Yes. Yeah. That's why, um, when we approach the Mayor and also the Vice Mayor, we informed them that this is a people's process. And we really need, uh, the advice of the, uh, the city government. That's why we created the project advisory committee. They are, um, they will provide policy advice and strategic guidelines in implementing the project.

And who are the members of the project committee? Advisory committee? They are from the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, the Surigao LGU, represented by the uh, City Mayor and the Vice Mayor, and then the Surigao Province represented by the Governor and also UN-Habitat and other partners and the Sama- Badjao community are part of the advisory committee so that we will know what do they really need and what do they really want for the project. We've already conducted some series of activities. Um, and we obtained these things and as I mentioned, there are 170 families residing now in Purok 1.

That's why, uh, currently we are focusing on identifying the first 40 families who will be recipients of the, um, uh, houses that we are going to construct. That's why, as mentioned by the Honorable, uh, Vice Mayor, this is a one -year project and, uh, we are targeting that the houses, uh, then the start of the construction of the houses by, uh, April of, of this year. And, uh, the construction phase will be until, uh, October because, um, the project will end by December. And, and the crucial and critical issue for this one, if ever we may not be able to implement the project within the frame, time frame, the, um, there is a possibility that, uh, Spanish uh, government uh, will request back to, uh, to return the, uh, to return the funds. That's why we

are really requesting if possible, to fast track the, um, approval of the, uh, the Gratuitous permit. Yeah, yeah. This, we conducted workshop, uh, wherein we asked the, uh, Sama - Badjao Community, uh, on what kind of houses that they really want. And they were really very, um, adamant that, uh, they don't want to construct houses in a land-based Um, since, um, culturally, they have been residing in water-based. That's why, um, with the assistance, with the help of the, um, City Planning Development Coordinator, Architect Michael, Engr. Gen of the City Engineering Office were able to come up with the design of the house, um that cost for now for about 341 per unit.

It will be a stilt house. And actually, the eco-village is very, um. Yeah. Uh, it's a cold area. So it will be very good for the, uh, uh, Sama-Badjao to be settled in Sitio Panubigon and they will be steward of the mangrove, it's a mangrove area. And then they will be the one, they will be the steward for the mangrove, uh, area. That's all, thank you.

Furthermore, the UN Habitat will be constructing 40 houses that cost 341,000.00 each. As per survey conducted, there are 170 families and 67 household currently situated at Brgy. Canlanipa. Thus, the UN Habitat is requesting the City Government that those who cannot yet avail of their project, be transferred to a land-based settlement while they are still gathering additional funds for the additional houses.

Honorable Azarcon raised his concern with regard Badjaos transforming into professional beggars noting that while it is beneficial to provide them a place of dwelling, it is also equally important to focus on their means of livelihood.

MR. URIEL EUGENIO S. CORREOS/ASST. CITY PLANNING OFFICER:

Actually Sir, the selection of the site, that's why we choose the site because the 20 hectares is already declared, under a DAO by the DENR, with the provision that only 4 hectares will be used for settlements, the remaining will be for cultivation and conservation. The very nature, the geologic make-up of the area is suitable for aquaculture or mariculture activities, which the Badjao later on will be trained. The UN Habitat, of course, with due acknowledgment of their effort, has been for last year doing the social preparation works for the Badjao community, organizing, and later on, training them. Another component that could be possible in the area is for the Badjao to be trained to propagate nurseries, tree seedlings which the mining companies later on will purchase.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

I understand, but basin kon sa imo training and so on and so forth sa education and everything, dili na ton matawag na Badjao later on.

MR. URIEL EUGENIO S. CORREOS/ASST. CITY PLANNING OFFICER:

Actually, the title itself is called, we did not use "bayay nan Badjao" which is just housing, we use the term huy-anan which refers to as the settlement. Because the settlement would refer to not only the housing component, not only their permanent tenure but the livelihood component, as well, together with all the other social components.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

I'm more concerned of the long-term livelihood program for the Badjao, not so much with the houses kay it can be destroyed or be replaced, but the long-term solution for this Badjao tribe transforming into a professional beggar should be the primary, utmost concern of our government, no?

MR. URIEL EUGENIO S. CORREOS/ASST. CITY PLANNING OFFICER:

We agree to that, Sir.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Because I am...my knowledge about the Badjao community was kon magsakay ako nan Cokaliong, magsayum-sayom, itsahan nato nan piso.

MR. URIEL EUGENIO S. CORREOS/ASST. CITY PLANNING OFFICER:

But they actually have, they actually have professionals in their ranks, at least for the Sama-Badjao tribe in Surigao, they have professionals.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Again, to emphasize my point, I am most concerned and I hope you being workers of the government will also agree with me that our primary concern is the long-term solution of giving them livelihood programs so that they will not be, this tribe, we can preserve this tribe, and so that they will not be transformed into a professional beggar roaming around in our city and anywhere else. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. URIEL EUGENIO S. CORREOS/ASST. CITY PLANNING OFFICER:

Yes, noted, Mr. Chair.

MS. MARIA ELVIRA DUKA/COMM. MOBILIZATION TEAM LEADER, UN HABITAT:

In addition Sir, to the Honorable Councilor, we will organize the Sama-Badjao community to homeowners association, and they will be capacitated, and the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development are the one who are really in-charge for this homeowner's association.

So, in terms of sustainability and long term, I agree with you Councilor with that, with the sustainability and the long-term solution, the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development has also sum up a project for homeowners' association, that's why for now we are capacitating them in terms of handling finances and currently, we are conducting livelihood assessment.

And also, we have also, coordinated with LTPC through TESDA, because we really want to train them, in skills training, like for carpentry and masonry, and they will be hired. They will be the one to construct their houses, yeah. And at the end of the project, we always do the estate management planning, we always do sustainability planning, and there are other agencies who will be here like the CFSI, it's an NGO who is focusing...actually now, in terms of the livelihood programs, we will have livelihood trainings wherein they will be the one to identify to what do they really want. Yeah, so it's really more on capacitating our Sama-Badjao community.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay. Thank you, Elvie. Now, our worry is, as presented by Elvie that the funds would only be until October of this year. Now, who is handling the requirements? ENRO? You? You, Engr. Casurra?

ENGR. JOSE ALFONSO A. CASURRA/OIC, CITY ENRO:

Yes, good afternoon, Mr. Chair. For the permitting requirements, together with the CPDO, we are processing the permits. First, for the Gratuitous Permit as mentioned by our resource person from DENR, usually it will take one month for the Gratuitous Permit, for the approval of the Secretary. For other permits, such as the Environmental Compliance Certificate, we are already on the process of simultaneously applying the permits so that once that the gratuitous is approved, we also have our ECC for the housing or settlement project. So, with the time frame of April, I think we can meet the deadline, Mr. Chair.

RULES ARE REINSTATED. Honorable Catre was recognized.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Finding the said request of the City Mayor to be in order and in the exigency and best interest of public service, I, as Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, move for the passage of a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to apply for a Gratuitous Permit with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on a portion of Lot No. 7928, located in Sitio Panubigon, Brgy. Lipata, Surigao City for the establishment of an Eco-Village and Badjao Settlements Project dub as "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao." I so move, Mr. Chairman.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II TO APPLY FOR A GRATUITOUS PERMIT WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) ON A PORTION OF LOT NO. 7928 LOCATED IN SITIO PANUBIGON, BARANGAY LIPATA, SURIGAO CITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECO-VILLAGE AND BADJAO SETTLEMENTS PROJECT DUBBED AS "HUY-ANAN NAN BADJAO SA SURIGAO".

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an endorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as Urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to apply for a Gratuitous Permit with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on a portion of Lot No. 7928 located in Sitio Panubigon, Barangay Lipata, Surigao City for the establishment of an Eco-Village and Badjao Settlements project dubbed as "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao";

WHEREAS, the said application is in accordance with DENR DAO 2022-01, with the primary intent to jointly develop the area with the DENR for the establishment of an Eco-Village and Badjao Settlements project dubbed as "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao";

WHEREAS, the application for the Gratuitous Permit is the preliminary step in securing the appropriate tenurial instrument/authority on the area as a pre-requisite to proceed with the necessary development works to implement the project;

WHEREAS, the "Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao" component of the project is jointly undertaken with the UN-Habitat;

WHEREAS, following thorough consideration, the Chairman Committee on Environment and Natural Resources finds the request to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr. seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to apply for a Gratuitous Permit with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on a portion of Lot No. 7928 located in Sitio Panubigon, Barangay Lipata, Surigao City for the establishment of an Eco-Village and Badjao Settlements project dubbed as “Huy-anan nan Badjao sa Surigao”.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and UN-Habitat, for their information and guidance.

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as **URGENT**, returning the approved ordinance No. 491, series of 2024 to the City Council with the proposed amendments.

Honorable Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Okay, again Mr. Chair, good afternoon and to my colleagues. Herein an indorsement respectfully referred to the Chair man, Committee on Trade, Business, Industry, and Economic Enterprise from the City Mayor for fixing the rental fee of Commercial Building 2, Ground Floor, as follows:

- *Corner lot, Stall No. 1 and 12, from 700 square meter to 400 pesos.*

After few clarifications, the matter was taken up to 2nd reading then the **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource persons to join the discussion.

It was mentioned by Honorable Catre, seconded by Honorable Azarcon that department heads appearing before the council as resource persons should be required to wear proper attire such as barong or polo barong and leather shoes.

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

Good afternoon, everyone. Since the Mayor requested to us that the rental of the Commercial Building II shall be reduced to, from 700, the corner and the other one is 600, di ba? According to him that ikuan ta rakan ilaras to 400, Sir, per square meter per month. The rental of entire stall, the ground floor and also the goodwill is the same

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR:

To be bidden out?

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

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MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

To 400, Sir.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

No more, no other amendment?

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

No more, Sir, no more.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Any question, the query to the resource person? So, I think everybody is in agreement, so thank you so much, Nelson and councilor, rather Atty. Silvosa.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

I have one question, Mr. Chairman, please.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Go ahead.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

What will be the subject of the bidding only the good will money?

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

Yes, Sir, the goodwill.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

So, the rental will be fixed?

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

Sir?

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Rental will be fixed or rental per square meter?

MR. NELSON S. ALCALA / CITY TREASURER:

Yes, Sir. Oo, the rental is 600 per square meter, aw 400 per square meter the rental, but the goodwill will depend upon the bidding.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Ah, okay, thank you, thank you.

RULES ARE REINSTATED. Honorable Abian was recognized. 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 Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 493
SERIES OF 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 – GOODWILL
MONEY AND RENTAL FEES OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING 2
(GROUND FLOOR) OF ORDINANCE NO. 491, SERIES OF 2024,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, in the discussion and evaluation made by the Local Finance Committee, the new recommendation were finalized and deemed to best suited for the interest of City Government of Surigao;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce the rental fee of Commercial Building 2, and thus Section 1 of Ordinance No. 491, Series of 2024 is now amended, to read as follows:

SECTION 1. – GOODWILL MONEY AND RENTAL FEES.

RENTAL FEES

Name of building	Rental Fee	
	From	To
2. Commercial Bldg. 2 (Ground Floor) - Corner Lot Stall 1 and Stall 12	₱ 600.00/sqm	₱ 400.00/sqm
- Stall 2 to 11	₱ 600.00/sqm	₱ 400.00/sqm

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVITY. This amendatory Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Surigao.

Enacted on February 1, 2024

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

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Let’s now, just continue for the moment, I would like to recognize our in charge of the LTPC to say something about her request yesterday, so that we can be guided and we will no longer ask her later on. There is now a request, can you come just about five-

1058 *minutes of your time, Roselyn Armida B. Merlin and do you have a presentation? O, sige*
 1059 *na ideretso na lang.*

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1061 **MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN / LTPC HEAD:**

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1063 *Good afternoon, Honorable Members of this council. Yesterday, I was able to*
 1064 *discuss to our City Vice Mayor regarding the plan of the City Mayor to offer Slaughtering*
 1065 *Operations NC-II at LTPC, this was before called Butchery. So, we made already*
 1066 *inspections, physical inspections at our slaughter house at Poctoy. And there are only*
 1067 *minor improvements, minor improvements that will be implemented for us to pass the*
 1068 *TESDA assessments. We have already scheduled with TESDA for the physical inspections*
 1069 *with our facilities, tools and materials at the slaughter house and we are hopeful that we*
 1070 *will pass and one requirement for us to register the program with TESDA is the resolution*
 1071 *coming from this council authorizing the LTPC to offer said qualification.*

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1073 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1075 *Do we have a trainor already because that has been a problem for us before, the*
 1076 *trainor.*

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1078 **MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN / LTPC HEAD:**

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1080 *Yes, we have already a trainer.*

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1082 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1084 *Sa jaon members nan media amo ini ang pagkatay nan mga livestock, baboy man,*
 1085 *karabaw, baka, kanding, so we are now offering.*

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1089 *You know, we offered this before, and there so many of these graduates are already*
 1090 *working abroad in Australia and they have been sending us, you know, cards, Christmas*
 1091 *cards with a dollar in it thanking them, thanking us rather, expressing gratitude that they*
 1092 *have been able to be...this is for free. For free or what?*

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1094 **MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN / LTPC HEAD:**

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1096 *For free this time since we are still applying for a registration bali mahuyog sija*
 1097 *under community based training.*

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1099 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1101 *Many of these members of the media will probably enroll. It will be how many days?*

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1103 **MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN / LTPC HEAD:**

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1105 *35 days.*

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1107 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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1109 *Oh, 35 days we have the members of the media we will allow them to be given*
 1110 *preference to enroll, so that they can apply already for free ha? and then thereafter they*
 1111 *can as, monterey and so many of this they really wanted skilled workers knowing how to*
 1112 *jaon pag-ihaw nan baboy, karabaw and so on, livestock. So we are in you, with you on*
 1113 *this although we do not know if we can pass this resolution now without the indorsement*
 1114 *of the City Mayor, we can by-pass the office of the City Mayor and have it, this approve*
but we just try to see how we can have this approve today so we can apply already with

TESDA. Who can, this will be under Committee on Agriculture? Aw no, who is livelihood productivity? Ah, si kuan si Cacer. Can we have you as the proponent for this?

During the discussion, it was mentioned that the training for the Slaughtering Operations, specifically for swine, will be for 35 days which will start on the first week of March and 25 enrollees will be accommodated per batch. Then, National Competency Certificate will be issued to those who will pass the assessment.

There being no more queries, the **RULES ARE REINSTATED**.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

Mr. Chairman, with the excellent presentation of the beautiful LTPC Head, I am, it is my honor to move for the passage of a resolution, (pamati anay Ma'am Roselyn kay para sa imo ini), to pass a resolution authorizing the LTPC to re-offer the Slaughtering Operations NC-II (Swine) as a part of the curriculum. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit;

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RESOLUTION NO. 27 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LIVELIHOOD TRAINING AND PRODUCTIVITY CENTER (LTPC) TO OFFER SLAUGHTERING OPERATIONS (SWINE) NC II, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2024 ONWARDS AND PROVIDING THE MECHANISM FOR ITS IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, there has been a clamor for the re-opening of the slaughtering course at the Livelihood Training and Productivity Center, this city, which for a period of time before produced a number of graduates who are now either employed with well-known meat shop in the country, or those that have been now working abroad and who are highly paid of their skill services;

WHEREAS, the present administration has worked hard to find means to re-offer back the said slaughtering course to cater to the needs of those wanting to acquire the skill either for employment or for business venture;

WHEREAS, the opportunity has come when TESDA has agreed to be a partner to re-open back the course at the LTPC at the soonest possible time;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Cacer R. Azarcon seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the management of the Livelihood Training and Productivity Center (LTPC) to offer back the slaughtering operations (SWINE) NC II, effective February 2024 and providing the needed mechanism for its immediate implementation.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and Livelihood Training and Productivity Center (LTPC), for their information and guidance.

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C. Business of the Day:

3rd & Final Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Adopting And Implementing the Bantay ASF Sa Barangay or The BaBay ASF Into the City of Surigao, Providing Funds Therefor, Prescribing Penalties For Violation Thereof, And For Other Purposes."

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

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 494
SERIES OF 2024**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY OR THE BaBay ASF PROGRAM INTO THE CITY OF SURIGAO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. “

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code 1991 provides that every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, among those functions mandated and enumerated under RA 7160 include taking the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent, and cure all forms of animal diseases;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (5) (xii) of the Local Government Code authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases within its territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high-impact transboundary animal disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date; resulting in an industry estimate of 36% reduction of the national swine inventory impacting both the livelihood and agricultural economy;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 series of 2022 to all Provincial Governors, City Mayors, DA Regional Executive Directors, DILG Regional/Provincial and City Directors, City Local Government Operations Officers, Local Development Council Chairpersons, and other Concerned Agencies with the subject “Implementation of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay (BaBay ASF) Program;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 (s. 2019) or the “National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of ASF” provides for the movement protocols through classification of the country into various zones in an effort to manage, contain, and control the ASF virus;

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Order No. 6 (s. 2021) states the guidelines on the recovery, rehabilitation, and repopulation program for ASF affected and Non-ASF affected areas which will facilitate the recovery of the swine industry in the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, likewise, issued DA Administrative Order No. 7 (s. 2021) or the “Implementing Guidelines for the “Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program” to empower the local government officials, including those in the barangays on their roles in the disease control programs of the government at the grassroots level for timely detection, management, control and prevention of spread of any diseases, particularly the ASF;

WHEREAS, successful control effort lies on strong collaboration among the Department of Agriculture, with its concerned agencies, the Local Government Units (LGU), and stakeholders taking ownership of such program, benefiting the farmers;

WHEREAS, section 6 of DA Administrative Order No. 7 series of 2021: Implementing Guidelines for the “Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program” reiterates the strengthening and institutionalization of LGU Engagement in the Implementation of the Bantay ASF Program;

WHEREAS, to ensure sustainability of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay “BABay ASF” program in the municipality, it is imperative that it be adopted and implemented through a local ordinance;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No.1143 has been issued by the Office of the President, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to ASF outbreak, for a duration of one (1) year, which may be truncated or extended as deemed necessary. Through this proclamation, all government agencies and LGUs are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation with each other, mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate measures in a timely manner to curtail the further spread of ASF, address the supply deficit in pork products and reduce the retail prices and jumpstart the rehabilitation of the local hog industry;

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the above cited provisions of several issuances of the Department of Agriculture and to prevent and control the spread of ASF, immediate passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

SECTION 1. Objectives. It is the objective of this Ordinance to:

- a. To strengthen and institutionalize LGU engagement for ASF prevention and control;
- b. To establish an effective ASF monitoring, surveillance and reporting system;
- c. To strengthen biosecurity measures at the farm level and border control;
- d. To intensify awareness campaigns and other capacity building activities;
- e. To assist in the recovery and repopulation of previously affected areas; and
- f. To generate and mobilize resources for an effective implementation of the program.

SECTION 2. Scope. This Ordinance shall apply to all swine raisers, traders of live pigs, pork and pork-based products in the City of Surigao, concerning administrative matters of this Ordinance, it shall cover all barangay government units and their concerned officials.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance, the following terms shall apply:

- 3.1. **African Swine Fever (ASF)** is a severe viral disease that affects all breeds of domestic and wild pigs in the country and has already caused grave production and economic losses in the entire country.
- 3.2. **Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs)** are Community/Village Animal Technicians (CBAT), Veterinary Barangay Animal Health Workers (VBAWH), para-veterinary workers, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), or

any person assigned by the Punong Barangay at the Barangay in coordination with the City Veterinary Office shall also be known as Barangay Biosecurity Officers who will be appointed, designated and registered as the frontliners of the “BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM” and shall have specific responsibilities indicated in this Ordinance.

3.3. **Biosecurity Level 1** refers to the level of farm biosecurity in compliance to minimum standards set by the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP).

3.4. **Commercial Farm** is a farm category for any farm with a swine population that exceeds the definition of a small-hold farm in high-density areas. Commercial farms are further classified into:

3.4.1. Semi-commercial Farm which refers to at least one of the following:

- Between 10-50 sow level
- Between 41 to 500 fatteners

3.4.2. Commercial Farm which refers to at least one of the following:

- 51 sow level and above
- 501 fatteners and above

3.5. **Community** is hereby defined as a barangay or clustering of barangays.

3.6. **Consulting Veterinarians** refer to veterinarians employed in 300 sow-level farms and below as defined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

3.7. **Contingency Plan** outlines the needed plans and procedures in the event of an incursion of the disease.

3.8. **Department of Agriculture (DA)** is the Executive Branch of the Philippine Government mandated to improve, upgrade, and regulate the agricultural sector.

3.9. **Department of Agriculture-National Livestock Program** is the national program of DA mandated to drive and catalyze the accelerated and sustainable development of the livestock and poultry sub-sectors through the formulation of a comprehensive policy, preparation of plans, and implementation of programs and projects.

3.10. **Local Government Unit (LGU)** is an administrative and political government unit subsidiary to the national government which could itself consist of sub-units as in the case of a province, a municipality, or a city.

3.11. **Small-hold Farm** is commonly known as backyard farm for swine which refers to at least one of the following:

- Less than 21 heads of adult and zero head of young (1-20 heads adult and zero young and below)
- Less than 41 heads young animals (1-40 heads young and below)
- Less than 10 heads of adult and 22 heads of young (1-9 heads adult and 1-21 heads young and below)

3.12 **Test and Destroy** refers to the testing swine population and when found positive to ASF are subject for rapid, deliberate humane killing and proper disposal.

3.13 **Veterinary Biosecurity Officer (VetBO)** is a personnel of a Local Government Unit having regular employment status, preferably a duly licensed Veterinarian, duly designated to perform acts, duties and responsibilities stated in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Creation of City ASF Task Force. By virtue DA AO NO. 43 SERIES OF 2020, An African Swine Fever Task Force was created in the City of Surigao. It shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of this Ordinance and other related activities as may provide by the rules and regulations and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by national laws.

4.1 Composition of City ASF Task Force. A City ASF Task Force, shall be created and be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : City Mayor
- Co-Chairperson : City Administrator
- Vice Chairperson/ Focal Person : City Veterinary Office
- Members : City Legal Officer
- : City Councilor, Chairman Committee on Agriculture
- : City Councilor, Liga ng mga Barangay President
- : City Agriculture Officer
- : Veterinary Quarantine Officer, BAI
- : Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)
- : Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)
- : Food and Drug Administration
- : City Director, DILG
- : City Information and Communications Officer
- : City Health Officer
- : City DRRMO Officer
- : City Enro Officer
- : City Engineer
- : City PNP
- : City Planning and Development Officer
- : City Traffic Officer
- : Manager, Integrated Bus and Jeepney Terminal
- : City Agricultural and Fishery Council
- : Barangay Biosecurity Officers
- : Philippine Crop Insurance System
- : Philippine Port Authority (PPA)
- : Non-Government Organizations (Private Sector)
- : Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)

The Task Force may include other agencies or stakeholders not mentioned in this Ordinance but has an immense part in its implementation and who shall be named as the expanded members of the Task Force.

4.2 Technical Support Teams

These are the regular members of the ASF-TF responsible for the preservation and protection of the swine industry in the City of Surigao.

Rapid Action Team shall carry out the immediate diagnosis of suspect premises and initiate an implement the stamping out procedures.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- City PNP
- Bureau of Fire Protection
- CDRRMO
- City ENRO
- City Engineering
- Phil. Army
- Barangay Captain
- Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC)

Surveillance Team shall conduct regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- Provincial Veterinary Office
- City ENRO
- DA-RADDL
- Barangay Biosecurity Officer

Quarantine Team shall supervise and control the animal movement in the suspected/infected areas.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- Provincial Veterinary Office
- Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) - Quarantine
- City PNP
- Phil. Port Authority
- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
- BLGU

Census Team shall conduct periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- City Agriculture Office
- BLGU

IEC Team ensures adequate awareness of the general public matters and updates to African Swine Fever.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- CAFC

- City PIO
- City Planning and Development Office
- BLGU

Capability Building Team shall conduct trainings and other similar activities to ensure that the stakeholders including the BBO are given ample knowledge on the roles and responsibilities they need to undertake.

Representative from:

- City Veterinary Office
- Bureau of Animal Industry/NLP
- Department of Agriculture RFO XIII
- Agricultural Training Institute (ATI XIII)

SECTION 5. Function of City ASF Task Force. The main functions of the LGU ASF Task Force include but are not limited to the following;

- a. Main implementer of the BABay ASF Program;
- b. Implement national and local issuances, ordinances and contingency plans for the ASF prevention and control measures in the City;
- c. Initiate and coordinate all ASF-related activities including quick response, disease investigation, surveillance, animal movement control, information and education and logistics to relevant agencies such as Nation, Regional and City ASF Task Force;
- d. Conduct capacity building activities;
- e. Disseminate information, guidelines and memoranda to all stakeholders;
- f. Regularly submit reports to the Local Chief Executive on the status of its activities;
- g. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the full and proper implementation of ASF prevention and control protocols within the city.

SECTION 6. Designation and Deputation of Biosecurity Officers. All duly-designated VetBOs and BBOs shall be registered and deputized by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). VetBO shall apply directly to PVO, while BBO shall be assigned/endorsed by the City Veterinary Office. Upon completion of all requirements and training, a Biosecurity Officer Code will be issued by the PVO.

5.1 Duties and Responsibilities of Biosecurity Officers

- 6.1.a. Barangay Sample Collection in their assigned areas or farm in coordination/supervision of the City Veterinary Office.
- 6.1.b. Biosecurity evaluation and assignment of Biosecurity level in all the farms assigned to the Biosecurity Officers
- 6.1.c. On-time reporting and submission of Weekly ASF data
- 6.1.d. Regular disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation of commercial, semi-commercial, and small hold farms to their respective LGUs and the summary of which will be submitted to City and Provincial Veterinary Office
- 6.1.e. Immediate reporting of any farm with animals showing clinical signs suggestive of ASF infection for corresponding actions such as surveillance and disease investigation.
- 6.1.f. To perform such other functions in accordance with the protocol set forth by the Department of Agriculture, Administrative Order No. 7,

series of 2021.

SECTION 7. Mandatory Listing of Swine Raisers. All Punong Barangays are hereby directed to conduct listing of swine raisers in their respective barangays utilizing their network of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and/or any other barangay functionaries to be submitted to the City Veterinary Office at the deadline set for the purpose.

SECTION 8. Mandatory Availment of Swine Insurance Coverage. The City Veterinary Office is hereby directed to facilitate the application for insurance coverage of all swine raised in the mainland and island barangays with the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

SECTION 9. Prohibition on Swill Feeding. Swine raisers are prohibited from feeding kitchen leftovers to pigs as it is considered as one of the potential routes of introducing the African Swine Fever (ASF) disease into the city.

SECTION 10. Maintenance and Operation of 24/7 Veterinary Quarantine Checkpoints. There are hereby established operational 24/7 Veterinary Animal Quarantine Checkpoints located at Trinidad-Sison Boundary, Cabongbongan-Tagana-an Boundary, and Ipil – San Francisco Boundary to monitor and inspect entry of live hogs, pork meat (frozen/fresh), and pork-meat based products into the City of Surigao.

SECTION 11. Documentary Requirements. Personnel manning the Veterinary Quarantine Checkpoints shall look for complete documents accompanying shipment of hogs, pork and pork products like chorizo, longganiza, lumpia and all other similar frozen foods, as follows:

i) For Live Hogs:

- a. Veterinary Shipping Permit from the point of origin issued by BAI-Animal Quarantine Office
- b. Certification from a government veterinarian that the hogs are sourced from ASF-free areas;
- c. Negative ASF Laboratory Test result from DA-RADDL
- d. Veterinary Health Certificate issued by a government veterinarian (valid for 3 days from the date of issuance)
- e. Livestock Handlers Permit from Department of Agriculture
- f. Livestock and Poultry Transport/Carrier registration or Certificate of Vehicle Registration from Department of Agriculture
- g. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the City Veterinarian in areas of destination

ii) For locally-produced pork meat:

- a. Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) issued by National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS);
- b. Veterinary Shipping Permit from the point of origin issued by BAI-Animal Quarantine Office
- c. Certification from a government veterinarian that the hogs are sourced from ASF-free
- d. NMIS Accredited Meat Delivery Van
- e. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the City Veterinarian in areas of destination.

iii) **For imported pork:**

- a. Certificate of Meat Inspection Imported (COMI) issued by National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS);
- b. Veterinary Shipping Permit from the point of origin issued by BAI-Animal Quarantine Office
- c. NMIS Accredited Meat Delivery Van
- d. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the City Veterinarian in areas of destination

iv) **For cooked/uncooked processed meat and meat products:**

- a. *License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Food and Drug Administration;*
- b. Certificate of Product Registration issued by the Food and Drug Administration.
- c. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the City Veterinarian in areas of destination
- d. Veterinary Shipping Permit from the point of origin issued by a government veterinarian (for uncooked products).

SECTION 12. Intensified ASF Risk Assessment, Surveillance and Investigation. The following procedures shall be observed in the implementation of this Ordinance.

12.1 Disease Investigation. All disease investigation is prompted when there is report of a suspect case of ASF in the area. The City ASF Task Force in coordination with the Provincial and Regional ASF Task Force shall act quickly on the reported case by conducting disease investigation and sample collection.

12.2 Surveillance. City Veterinary Office, Biosecurity Officer, and Barangay Officials shall conduct an active surveillance for unusual pig mortalities and shall immediately report the same to the Provincial Veterinary Office for thorough investigation and blood sampling for laboratory testing to be submitted to DA-RADDL RFO XIII.

12.2a For Barangays with suspected ASF Infection

- Suspected premises shall be quarantined. No pig, pork, pork products or feeds shall be allowed to get out of the piggery to prevent contamination of other piggeries. Likewise, no pig should be allowed to get into the suspected premises to prevent being infected.
- Sick animals in suspected premises shall not be allowed to be slaughtered.
- Dead pig should be buried properly and shall not be thrown to bodies of water, rivers, and creeks or irrigation canals.
- Suspected premises shall be disinfected daily to include other surrounding piggeries.
- The barangay with suspected ASF case shall also be put under quarantine by establishing barangay checkpoints.

12.2b. For Barangays with positive ASF Case

- Pigs positive of ASF and potentially infected with ASF in the identified culling area within the 500-meter radius from the infected premises shall be stamped-out (culled). The extent of the area will be identified by the Biosecurity Officer.
- Culled pigs shall be disposed of properly by burying in a safe place deep enough to provide at least six (6) feet depth.
- To prevent spread of disease, the barangay with positive case of ASF shall be put under strict quarantine.
- After culling, the infected and potentially infected premise must be disinfected daily for 30 days to kill the virus which is very resistant in the environment outside the host.
- No restocking of piggeries shall be made unless the barangay is declared cleared of ASF.

12.2c. For Barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF. All barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF shall likewise establish checkpoints as “BANTAY ASF” to monitor and regulate entry of hogs, pork and pork-based processed meat from suspected and positive barangays and exit of sick animals.

SECTION 13. BIOSECURITY IMPLEMENTATION.

13.1. Issuance of Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report

- 13.1.a. Commercial/Semi-commercial Farm – VetBO and BBOs shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the City Veterinary Office.
- 13.1.b. Small hold Farms – BBOs shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the City Veterinary Office.
- 13.1.c. Weekly disease monitoring report may be submitted through online and/or on-site depending on the discretion of the implementing office.
- 13.1.d. Biosecurity Officers shall report immediately to City Veterinary Office, any farms with animals showing clinical signs suggestive of ASF infection for corresponding actions such as surveillance and disease investigation.

13.2. Issuance of Hog Transport Pass. This aims to properly register all hog traders and other logistical support providers and their respective transport vehicles and vessels transacting business in the city with the end view of traceability and maintaining disease free areas thereby achieving safe, clean and orderly handling of commodities throughout the stages of marketing and distribution channels.

No hog trader and livestock transport carrier shall be allowed to transact business within the city without the Hog Transport Pass (HTP) which shall be requirement before issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate.

All livestock carriers are required to conduct periodical cleaning and disinfection of their premises, machines and any other apparatus.

Any violation on the provisions of this guideline by the hog traders and other logistical support providers shall immediately render his/her HTP revoked.

SECTION 14. CAPABILITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

Awareness campaign shall be conducted to ensure all aspects relevant to BaBay ASF will be cascaded and disseminated to the farmers. Engagement of agencies including the Department of Agriculture (DA) Communications Group, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID), Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Sections (RAFIS), Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and local government (Provincial to City/Municipal) information office, and all media resources of government shall be involved.

The campaign shall focus on ensuring that biosecurity protocols are duly observed by the farmers, discouraging the use of swill as feed for hogs and bringing farmers to register in the Farmer Registry developed for livestock farmers.

SECTION 15. RECOVERY AND REPOPULATION. The Local Government Unit shall guide farms in proper cleaning and disinfection. PVO/CVO/BLGU through BBO shall conduct farm inspection to assess compliance with cleaning and proper disinfection procedures.

15.1. Cleaning Procedures

- 15.1.a. Remove all organic debris from the farm and uproot/cut grass to expose rat burrows and hiding places.
- 15.1.b. Clean and wash all equipment, all movable and non-movable facilities, and grounds around the buildings.
- 15.1.c. Empty lagoon and pits where pig manure are collected. The solid wastes removed should be buried in a pit lined and topped with hydrated lime.
- 15.1.d. Repair and/or install bird proofing nets/system.

15.2. Disinfection Procedures

- 15.2.a. Use a foaming agent to disinfect the entire facility/building prior to cleaning.
- 15.2.b. Ensure all organic debris from the farm facilities and equipment are removed.
- 15.2.c. Disinfect all equipment, all movable and non-movable facilities and grounds around the buildings.
- 15.2.d. Use only approved disinfectant for ASF Control. Ensure correct dilution and contact time.
- 15.2.e. Focus on equipment where viruses are likely to persist.
- 15.2.f. Treat with caustic soda and spray with hydrated lime.

15.3. Downtime

Downtime for 20 days, after cleaning and disinfection shall be implemented to further decrease the bacterial load of the area and the risk of residual ASF virus.

15.4. Environmental Sampling

Environmental sampling or Bioassay validates the quality of

cleaning and disinfection using laboratory tests. Barangays with negative monitoring reports for more than 30 days after depopulation, may proceed to Bioassay/Environmental Sampling.

Environmental samples will be collected from the farm water source, top soil of the burial site, surfaces of gestating pens, farrowing pens, nursery/growing pens, pathways, canals, stock room of feeds, weighing/market area, etc.

15.5 Introduction of Sentinel Animals.

15.5.a The number of sentinel animals is 10% of normal stocking rate or as approved and recommended by PVO/CVO/MAO. Sentinel animals shall be at least 60 days old piglets weighing 15-20 kg each.

15.5.b Owners and staff of farms selected for repopulation should have undergone training on biosecurity and facilities and should conform to the minimum biosecurity standards for small hold and commercial farms.

15.5c Further, sentinel animals must be sourced from ASF-free farms and must comply with the policies of their respective city/province for incoming stocks from outside the city/province.

15.6 Monitoring and Testing.

15.6.a. Weekly monitoring for absence of clinical signs of ASF. If signs were observed, disease investigation will be conducted.

15.6.b. Final test prior to release from quarantine, blood samples will be collected at day 40 and tested using RT-PCR. If results are POSITIVE, the Department of Agriculture AO No. 22, Series of 2020 of the Guidelines on Swine Depopulation after ASF confirmation shall be implemented.

15.6.c. If results are NEGATIVE, the remaining procedure for repopulation protocol shall proceed.

SECTION 16. DECLARATION OF ASF-FREE STATUS. The guidelines for Declaration of ASF-Free Status are subject to adapt as deemed necessary by DA-BAI. There are two levels of Declaration of ASF Free Status of an area previously infected with ASF

16.1 First level is the City/Municipality Level Declaration of ASF Free Status for cities/municipalities with certain barangay/s which have been previously infected with ASF and will be declared ASF Free area by the Provincial ASF Task Force.

16.2 Second level is the National Declaration of ASF Free Status for the whole Province to be declared by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All infected barangays of the city/municipality must be locally declared ASF Free area prior to application to be declared ASF Free on a national level.

SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The provisions of the administrative orders issued by the Department of Agriculture, DA AO No. 06 s. 2021 and DA AO No. 7 s. 2021 and other relevant rules and regulations subsequently issued by concerned government agencies shall be the implementing rules and regulations for this ordinance and shall be implemented in Surigao City.

SECTION 18. FUNDS AND RESOURCES. An initial funding shall be allocated under 5%LDRRM Fund for the Operation Support to 24/7 Veterinary Animal Checkpoint and in case of declaration of State of Calamity due to ASF outbreak.

SECTION 19. VIOLATIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS. Any person or entity found to have committed any of the following instances/acts shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

19.1 Tampering and falsification of documents such as but not limited to:

- 19.1.a. Veterinary Health Certificate
- 19.1.b. Shipping Permit from the Bureau of Animal Quarantine
- 19.1.c. Meat Inspection Certificate from NMIS
- 19.1.d. Certificate of Free Status on ASF
- 19.1.e. Laboratory Test Result for ASF
- 19.1.f. Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report
- 19.1.g. Biosecurity Evaluation Form

19.2 Removal of quarantined animal from the quarantine-covered area

*19.3 Movement/Transport of animals without necessary permits
/documents*

19.4 Non-reporting or Delay in reporting of ASF suspect or confirmed case

19.5. Interference/Disobedience to person in authority conducting ASF-infection Control Operation.

19.6 Refusal to farm inspection during the conduct of ASF disease surveillance and monitoring.

19.7. Movement of transport of animals, raw meat and processed meat products into the city without permits/documents.

19.8 Illegal transport of hog traders and buyers of animals within the city and those coming from outside the City of Surigao.

19.9 Allowing farm owners to use their vacant pens as holding areas for illegal traders.

19.10 Selling of sickly/clandestinely slaughtered meat.

SECTION 20. PENALTY CLAUSE. Any person or entity found to have committed any of the prohibited acts under Section 19 hereof shall be penalized with Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) and or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months regardless of recurrence or frequency of committing the offense, at the discretion of the Court.

In case of livestock transport carriers, boat operators, and meat delivery vans carrying prohibited items knowingly or unknowingly, shall pay a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00), and suspension or cancellation of their license to

transport, outright condemnation of carcass of meat by-products, refusal of doing business in the city and the impounding of the vehicle while appropriate case/s is/are filed in Court and other quasi-judicial bodies.

SECTION 21. Special Trust Fund. There is hereby created a Special Trust Fund as depository of all the shares of the City Government of Surigao from the collection of fines and penalties for violation of this Ordinance to be utilized solely for the implementation of this Ordinance. Utilization of such Fund shall be subject to the Annual Work and Financial Plan duly approved by the Surigao City ASF Task Force subject to the usual government accounting rules and regulations.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are likewise repealed or deemed modified.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after its posting and publication in a newspaper of local circulation pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 and shall remain in force until expressly revoked.

Enacted on February 1, 2024.

SPONSORED BY: HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

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None

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OTHER MATTERS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 5th Regular Session was adjourned at 3:40 o'clock in the afternoon of February 1, 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. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

Let us pray.

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

Almighty God, thank You for making this session successful.
May the things we have learned today stir our hearts and minds and may we put them
into action.

We thank You God for making it a peaceful and fruitful session. We
pray that You grant us the discipline, strength and wisdom to adhere and implement
our undertakings today.

Thank You, Lord, for this day, as we depart from this
place now, we ask You to bless us throughout the remainder of the day and
guide us safely home.

All this we ask, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

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APPROVED, this ____ day of February 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.

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