

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 6th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon | - City Councilor (Presiding Officer) |
| Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Baltazar C. Abian | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr. | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra | - City Councilor |
| Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo | - Liga ng mga Barangay President |
| Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura | - SK Federation President |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra | - City Vice Mayor (CMO-Office Caretaker) |
| Hon. Joel E. Tinio | - City Councilor (OL) |
| Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana | - City Councilor (OT) |

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The session was called to order at 1:59 o'clock in the afternoon of February 8, 2024.

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OPENING PRAYER

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Let us pray.

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

ABBA FATHER, thank You for Your grace and mercy that we receive
everyday. As we gather today, give us guidance and wisdom. Help us to
work together in harmony and purpose. Grant us clarity of thought and unity
of mind, so that our decisions may reflect Your will and contribute to the
greater good of all involved. Bless our discussions and efforts with Your
Grace. 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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SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

ROLL CALL

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

**PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

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

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 1, 2024, re: Resolution Nos. 20-28 be as it is hereby approved.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

None

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

On motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, duly seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 6th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 8 February, 2024, as prepared and presented.

FIRST READING:

None

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

a. Committee on Rules —

- Indorsement from the City Vice Mayor, the herein Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance for the Abolition of Existing Plantilla Positions in the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary and the Office of Vice

Mayor, Creating New Plantilla Positions in Lieu Thereof, Retitling of Existing Positions and for Other Purposes, for favorable consideration and approval

b. Committee on Social Welfare —

- Letter from the Regional Director of Commission on Population and Development, Mr. Alexander A. Makinano, requesting to the City Council for the support and cooperation in the Implementation of the Philippine Population and Development - Plan of Action (PPD-POA) for 2023-2028.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to authorize the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and development of the latter's assistance to (LGU) Surigao, CSWDO Bahay Pag-asa Facilities

c. Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure —

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the Draft Ordinance, Adopting / Approving the Revised Schedule of Fees and Charges for Laboratory Testing of Construction Materials as Prescribed by Department Order No. 188, series of 2022 of the Department of Public Works and Highways

d. Committee on Appropriations —

- Letter from the City Budget Officer, Submitting the Annual Budget for CY 2024 of Barangays Canlanipa and Punta Bilar, all of this city, with Technical Review Analysis sheet

e. Committee on Women and Family—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, forwarding to the City Council the draft ordinance, "An Ordinance Establishing the VAWC Desk in Every Barangay of the City of Surigao and Prescribing the Protocol in the Handling of all VAWC Cases Filed Thereof

Honorable Catre, the Chairman, Committee on Women and Family requested the Acting SP Secretary to schedule the committee meeting with regard the matter, on the same day as the Committee Meeting on Environment and Natural Resources.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Yuipco was recognized.

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues.

COMMITTEE REPORT
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

SUBJECT:

*REFERRAL OF THE CITY MAYOR FOR THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION
 DECLARING A PORTION OF THE SURIGAO CITY BOULEVARD AS MARINE
 SANCTUARY AREA (AREA TO DECLARED: 5,328 SQ. M. MORE OR LESS)*

FACTS/FINDINGS:

COMMITTEE HEARING:

*A Committee Hearing was conducted on February 7, 2024 at the SP Session Hall
 attended to by:*

<i>HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA</i>	<i>- Vice Mayor and Presiding the Meeting</i>
<i>HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO</i>	<i>- Chair, Committee on Agriculture</i>
<i>HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI</i>	<i>- Member, Committee on Agriculture</i>
<i>MS. AMELITA N. DELA CERNA</i>	<i>- Acting City Agriculturist, City Agriculture Office, Surigao City</i>
<i>MR. ALFIE JAN CULLA</i>	<i>- Agriculturist Technologist, City Agriculture Office, Surigao City</i>
<i>MR. CLEAVEN HOPE T. DUMARAN</i>	<i>- FRMS Staff, BFAR Caraga, Butuan City</i>
<i>MR. MATT ALCANTARA</i>	<i>- FRMS Staff, BFAR Caraga, Butuan City</i>
<i>MR. FILBEN D. IBURAN</i>	<i>- CFARM C</i>
<i>MR. FELIXBERTO M. TANDUYAN</i>	<i>- Provincial Fisheries Officer, Provincial Fishery Office, Surigao City</i>
<i>MR. ERNANIE B. ANDING</i>	<i>- Agriculturist I, PFO – Staff, PFO – SDN</i>

During the meeting, the BFAR Regional Office recommended the following:

- 1. Instead of Declaring the subject area as Marine Sanctuary, the Resource Persons recommended that the same be instead declared as CORAL REEF PRESERVATION AREA as this is the most fit in the area;*
- 2. That the area be open for fishing activities but limited only to Hook and Line Fishing and can later be on opened for snorkeling activities under regulation that would be covered by an Ordinance to be passed by the SP.*
- 3. That the area be extended near the Parola Area, with a buffer zone of at least 50 meters more or less;*
- 4. That artificial coral reef be considered as a regular activity on a year round basis;*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Committee after being apprised of the Resource Persons findings, hereby recommend that their recommendation be duly adopted and for the Office of the City Mayor to draft an Ordinance declaring the subject area as Coral Reef Preservation Area with the necessary regulations in the conduct of fishing activities in said area, imposing fines and penalties for its violation and providing funds for its implementation.

I therefore move that the said Committee Report be adopted, Mr. Chair.

The motion to adopt the committee report was approved. However, during discussion, the Presiding Officer asked few questions to the proponent.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON / PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, have you, in your committee report, have you measured the area to be called as Coral Reef Reservation Area?

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

Ang recommended nila sa permiro pa more or less half hectares, pero, jaon may tag more or less taglong nila na kay e-finalize pa nato ang kuan kay maghimo pa man nan...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON / PRESIDING OFFICER:

It could be more, it could be less.

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

More or less. oo. So ang ako recommendation nila na from I Love Surigao to Parola with buffer zone of 50 meters. Pero kun 5,000 is mubo ra karajaw. Dili ma kuan sa...amo gani taghimo jaon na...

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON / PRESIDING OFFICER:

What about the area now being used as warf?

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

An jaon ija pasingod didto sa lawod, 'di ta moabot na jaoy boya na taghimo nan PPA 'di kita malagpas diha kay shipping lane kuno jaon, amoy taglaong... so before nan jaon boya anhi ra kita dapit dinhi.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON / PRESIDING OFFICER:

I think it's more prudent and necessary, that we should be definite with the, at the exact area to be covered, and to be called as coral reef preservation area. And then, in your recommendation, you stated here that the Office of the City Mayor will draft an Ordinance. I think that is not the job of the City Mayor's Office, because this is purely legislative in nature. So, there must be somebody from among us who will sponsor for the passage of the possible Ordinance, referring that area as coral reef preservation area. That is my take, Hon. Yuipco.

HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO:

Okay, Mr. Chair. Noted.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay. So kindly reiterate your motion with, and consider my points? Well, there is already a motion, duly seconded. For purposes of discussion, I interjected something.

Any objection? Discussions? More discussions? No more? Hearing none. The motion of the Hon. Yuipco is APPROVED.

Thereafter, a motion was presented and favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 31 - 2024

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR)
REGIONAL OFFICE AND REFERRING THE SAME TO THE OFFICE OF
THE CITY MAYOR.**

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an endorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass 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 square meters;

WHEREAS, during the committee hearing, the BFAR Regional Office recommended the following:

- *Instead of declaring the subject area as Marine Sanctuary, BFAR Regional Office recommended that the same be instead declared as CORAL REEF PRESERVATION AREA as this is the most fit in the area;*
- *That the area be open for fishing activities but limited only to Hook and Line Fishing and can later be on opened for snorkeling activities under regulation that would be covered by an Ordinance to be passed by the SP.*
- *That the area be extended near the Parola Area, with a buffer zone of at least 50 meters more or less;*
- *That artificial coral reef be considered as a regular activity on a year round basis;*

WHEREAS, the committee adopted the recommendations after being apprised of the findings from the BFAR Regional Office;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco seconded by Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution adopting the recommendations of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Regional Office and referring the same to the Office of the City Mayor.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Regional Office, for their information and guidance.

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Honorable Aldonza was recognized.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and to my colleagues. My committee report pertains to the Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Senior Citizen Center in Surigao City in its 54 Barangays, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for other Purposes. With the facts and findings for the purpose of this Ordinance, as we have conducted a committee hearing last

February 6, 2024, with the present members and focal persons. The proposed ordinances were in order, with the discussion of one additional section amended.

For this Mr. Chair, I just have to ask for the adoption of my committee report.
The motion to adopt the committee report was approved.

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

None

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B. Urgent Matters:

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C. Business of the Day:

2nd Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 219, Series of 2004, entitled the Child Welfare Code of Surigao City” (By Committee on Women and Family)

Honorable Catre was recognized. The motion to take up the proposed ordinance on 2nd reading was presented and approved. The Proponent moved for the suspension of the rules to allow the resource person to join the discussion. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

The resource person read the specific sections and articles to be amended and it was raised during the discussion that although these amendments might be repetitive as these provisions were already present under International Law, which the Philippines should observe, being one of the members of the United Nations, the DILG required that the same be localized.

After all the proposed amendments were presented, the motion to approve on 2nd reading was presented and was approved.

Thereafter, a motion to approve on 3rd and final reading was presented and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas and Honorable Florenillo B. Ravelo, it was unanimously

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

ORDINANCE NO. 495
Series of 2024

(Copies of the ordinance will be furnished upon availability)

- Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 263, Series of 2007, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the Gender and Development Code of Surigao City" (By Committee on Women and Family)

The motion to take up the proposed ordinance on 2nd reading was presented and approved. The same resource person read the specific sections and articles to be amended. The Presiding Officer hoped that the proponent monitors the execution of the ordinance as it is of great importance.

It was also added by the proponent that under the Republic Act 11648, the age of sexual consent has been raised to 16 years old from 12 years old. The same was noted by the Acting SP Secretary.

The provision of imposition of death penalty was also deleted from the Ordinance.

There being no more discussion, the proponent moved for the approval of the ordinance on 2nd reading. The same was favorably seconded and approved.

Thereafter, a motion to approve on 3rd and final reading was presented and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas and Honorable Florenillo B. Ravelo, it was unanimously

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 495
Series of 2024

(Copies of the ordinance will be furnished upon availability)

RULES ARE REINSTATED.

- Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Establishing a Senior Citizen Center in Surigao City and its Fifty-Four Barangays, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes"

Honorable Aldonza was recognized and moved for the suspension of the rules to allow the resource person to join the discussion. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

The resource person read the sections of the proposed ordinance. During the discussion, it was pointed out that this ordinance should also be properly discussed with the Budget Officer to make sure that the Local Government of Surigao City has the 1% total of the National Tax Allocation for the establishment and continuous implementation of the Local Government Unit and Barangay Senior Citizens Center.

There being no other discussion, the proponent presented a motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading. The same was favorably seconded and approved.

Thereafter, a motion to approve on 3rd and final reading was presented and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, it was unanimously

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 496
Series of 2024

(Copies of the ordinance will be furnished upon availability)

RULES ARE REINSTATED.

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

OTHER MATTERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 6th Regular Session was adjourned at 3:10 o'clock in the afternoon of February 8, 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.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Let us pray.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
As we close this meeting Lord, we want to give honor to You.

511 Thank you, God, for the time we had today
512 to discuss issues and make decisions.
513 May You bless each one of us who took the time and effort
514 To gather today and let Your hand of protection be on us
515 throughout the rest of the week.
516 Let the work here today will be fruitful, and let it all for Your glory.
517 In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.
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519 In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
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523 APPROVED, this ____ day of February 2024.
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526 WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing statements, resolutions and the like
527 were passed and approved by us, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of
528 Surigao, Province of Surigao del Norte.
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531 **EDNA B. SIEGA**
532 Acting Sanggunian Secretary
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SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS
City Councilor

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538 ATTESTED BY:
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541 **CACEL R. AZARCON**
542 City Councilor
543 Presiding Officer