

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 8th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP
SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra	- City Vice Mayor (Presiding)
Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas	- City Councilor
Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon	- City Councilor
Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza	- City Councilor
Hon. Joel E. Tinio	- City Councilor
Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	- City Councilor
Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr.	- City Councilor
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	- City Councilor
Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco	- City Councilor
Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra	- City Councilor
Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo	- Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	- SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	- City Councilor
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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of February 22, 2024.

OPENING PRAYER

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ACTING SP SECRETARY:

Let us pray.

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

Our most loving God, thank You for this wonderful day.

We thank You for all the blessings You have given to each and everyone.

Lord, in our session today, be with us and continue to protect us so that we may also
continue to serve our fellowmen. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

56 **ROLL CALL**

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

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63 **PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE**
64 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

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69 Thereafter, Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas was recognized and presented a
70 motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by
71 Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was
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74 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 15, 2024,
75 re: Resolution Nos. 35-37 be as it is hereby approved.

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79 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

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85 **INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND**
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88 On motion of Honorable Joel E. Tinio duly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S.
89 Yuipco and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, the Agenda of the 8th Regular Session was
90 approved as prepared and presented.

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92 **RESOLVED,** to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 8th Regular
93 Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 22 February, 2024, as prepared and
94 presented.

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96 **RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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100 **FIRST READING:**

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- 102 • Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance for the Abolition of
 - 103 Existing Plantilla Positions in the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
 - 104 Secretary and the Office of Vice Mayor, Creating New Plantilla Positions
 - 105 in Lieu Thereof, Retitling of Existing Positions and for Other Purposes."
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 - 107 • Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Regulating Rental Fees, Terms and
 - 108 Parameters in Borrowing Tables and Chairs in the City Auditorium/City
 - 109 Cultural Center, And For Other Purposes."
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- Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Regulating Fees of the New Laboratory Services in the City Health Office And For Other Purposes."

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REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

- Committee on Ways and Means —

Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT, requesting to the City Council to create two separate ordinances based on the Local Finance Committee (LFC) Resolution No. 02, Series of 2024 entitled, “A Resolution Adopting and Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the Herein Proposed Rental Fees, Terms and Parameters in Borrowing Tables and Chairs in the City Auditorium/City Cultural Center, and the Proposed Fees of the New Laboratory Services in the City Health Office.

The Presiding Officer, Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, inquired about two ordinances being referred. Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana also asked if there are two ordinances. The Presiding Officer, Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, responded, mentioning *The New Laboratory Services*, to which the Acting Secretary, Ms. Edna B. Siega added the *Rental of tables and chairs for the use of the City Auditorium and City Cultural Center*.

Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana said that the ordinances should have separate endorsements. In response, the Presiding Officer agreed stating, *We will just have it separated, this has to be two (2) separate referrals*.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Aldonza was recognized.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and to my colleagues. My committee report, Mr. Chair, pertains to the request of our City Mayor to this Council in authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development for the latter’s assistance to the LGU Surigao – CSWDO Bahay Pag-asa Facilities.

Well, the findings and facts...as I reviewed the purpose of this MOA, is for the collaboration between the DSWD and Bahay Pag-asa, for the betterment and improvement of the facilities and services of Bahay Pag-asa to its beneficiaries. Also, the assistance from the DSWD will intend to enhance the capacity of Bahay Pagasa in delivering essential services for the welfare and development of individuals.

For that, Mr. Chair, 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. 40 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), FOR ASSISTANCE TO LGU SURIGAO - CSWDO BAHAY PAG-ASA FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement 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 (DSWD), for assistance to LGU Surigao - CSWDO Bahay Pag-asa Facilities;

WHEREAS, the DSWD through its Field Offices is mandated to provide technical assistance to operational BAHAY PAG-ASA (BPA) FACILITIES within Caraga Region through the support to BAHAY PAG-ASA (BPA) PROJECT under Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Committee.

WHEREAS, support to Bahay Pag-asa Project can cover subsidies which include supplies and materials that BPAs need but are not prioritized in their WFP due to limited budget, such as children's personal supplies, emergency and disaster preparedness kits, information technology/office equipment to support education and attendance to e-court hearings, furniture and fixtures;

WHEREAS, subsidies will also cover therapeutic materials, livelihood training package for the residents and agricultural supplies (e.g., seedlings, fertilizers, farming tools), if applicable and needed by the Bahay Pag-asa to augment daily consumption and generate income/savings for the children and the same may be extend to fresh food supply, as needed;

WHEREAS, the assistance from the DSWD is intended to strengthen the capacity of Bahay Pag-asa in delivering essential services for the welfare and development of individuals;

WHEREAS, after careful review, the Chairman, Committee on Social Welfare acknowledged the purpose of the Memorandum of Agreement to foster collaboration between DSWD and Bahay Pag-asa, aiming for the betterment and improvement of the facilities and services provided to its beneficiaries;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), for assistance to LGU Surigao - CSWDO Bahay Pag-asa Facilities.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), for their information and guidance.

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Honorable Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Yes, good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to my colleagues. The subject of the committee report of the Committee on Appropriations is Barangay Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2023 of Brgy. Bitaugan. The Ordinance contains the Annual Budget of Brgy. Bitaugan for CY 2024 in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Three Pesos (₱ 2,510,233.00). The same has been favourably indorsed by the Local Finance Committee, subject to the usual statutory limitations. The Committee on Appropriations recommend the approval of the Annual Budget for CY 2024 of Brgy. Bitaugan. May I move for the adoption of my committee report, Mr. Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BARANGAY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CY 2024 OF BARANGAY BITAUGAN, THIS CITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PESOS (PHP 2,510,233.00).

WHEREAS, endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod is the Barangay Annual Budget for CY 2024 of Barangay Bitaugan, this city, for the conduct of a review process;

WHEREAS, the annual budget of Barangay Bitaugan was favorably endorsed by the Local Finance Committee subject to the usual statutory limitations provided under the Local Government Code, as well as, other rules;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a Resolution Approving the Ordinances containing the Annual Barangay Budget for CY 2024 of Barangay Bitaugan, this city, in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Pesos (Php 2,510,233.00).

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

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

None

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B. Urgent Matters:

- Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT, requesting to the City Council to create two separate ordinances based on the Local Finance Committee (LFC) Resolution No. 02, Series of 2024 entitled, " A Resolution Adopting and Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and the Sangguniang Panlungsod the Herein Proposed Rental Fees, Terms and Parameters in Borrowing Tables and Chairs in the City Auditorium/City Cultural Center, and the Proposed Fees of the New Laboratory Services in the City Health Office.

The Presiding Officer, Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, forwarded the matter to the Committee on Appropriations for a committee report. Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana requested that both ordinances be placed on first reading. Hon. Casurra agreed to calendar them for the first reading, and Ms. Edna B. Siega, the Acting SP Secretary, noted the request.

Hon. Bayana also requested the Acting SP Secretary to remind the Local Finance Committee to treat the two matters separately because they are not related to each other. He emphasized the need for separate resolutions from the Local Finance Committee, which will also be the subject of separate endorsements. The Presiding Officer acknowledged the concern of Hon. Bayana and assured that Atty. Kring, the Liaison Officer, would be reminded to handle the matters separately.

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C. Business of the Day:

2nd Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 316, Series of 2011, An Ordinance Fixing the fees for the Courses and Trainings at the Livelihood Training and Productivity Center, its operation and for Other Purposes."

Honorable Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

I think copies of the, yes, we are ready, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ready. We need a resource person here, no more?

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Unless there are, before that may I make the motion, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Go ahead.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

May I move that the proposed ordinance be taken up on second reading, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Is there any second?

HON. SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS/HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO :

Second.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

This is now under second reading. Do we have a copy? Kindly ah...

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Tag-upload ba?

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA / ACTING SP SECRETARY:

Uploaded already in the system.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

The members of the council should be guided under Section 1, is the listing of the fees and charges for the courses and trainings that will be offered at the Livelihood Training and Productivity Center now fix, ah, so unless you want to ask questions of, to the resource person, Roselyn Armida Merlin. Is he, is she around? The Chair is suspended to allow the City Tourism Officer and LTTC Head Center to be with us to discuss on this and, so that we can be guided accordingly. She's still under hold over capacity as the LTTC Head for six months. Can you enlighten us under Section 2. Go ahead Ma'am, Madame Merlin.

RULES ARE SUSPENDED.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN / LTTC CENTER HEAD:

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and Honorable members of this council. We have submitted to this council with the endorsement from the City Mayor proposed increase of our registration fees or enrollment fees at the LTTC. These are the proposed rates or registration fees per qualification or per training program.

For Visual Graphics Design NC 111 2,500.00, Technical Drafting NC 11 2,500.00, Beauty Care or Nail Care Services, 1500.00, Cookery, NC 11 2,000.00, Dressmaking NC 11 1500.00, Driving NC 11. Of all the qualifications, this is the only qualification that we did not proposed increase.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Driving.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTTC CENTER HEAD:

Yeah, driving kay there is a separate Ordinance for this, Mr. Chair. Ordinance No. 369 Series of 2014, as with our discussion, ni Atty. ah ni Coucilor Jex Bayana unless we, unless this council also amend Ordinance No. 369 to increase the enrollment fee for driving NC 11, then that can be. Pero kun...

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Which shall now prevail? This one or the previous one?

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

Ya paman ini sija Sir bali, ya may ini proposal for amendment.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ah okay. So that...

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

This is separate ordinance right now.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Separate now.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, Driving NC II.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

Driving NC II is the same, based on Ordinance number 2014 pa.

Ms. Roselyn Armida B. Merlin, City Tourism Officer and LTPC Center Head, discussed the fees associated with training programs, specifically mentioning P2,000.00 for Electrical Installation and Maintenance and P5,000.00 for heavy equipment. During the discussion, the Presiding Officer, asked Ms. Merlin to explain the meaning of NC I, NC II, and NC III, which were under TESDA regulations. Ms. Merlin said that NC stands for National Competency Certificate and elaborated on the progression from NC I to NC II based on qualifications.

Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana also asked the meaning of NC and Ms. Merlin explained it as the National Competency Certificate. She emphasized that after completing the training program, individuals were qualified to take the assessment to obtain the NC certificate.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay. So there you are gentlemen and lady we have now the assessment fees. Go, sige.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

Mr. Chair, may I just informed this August body that among other ah testings ah no..training centers, government owned or operated training centers in the Philippines,LTPC ra ga jud ang pinaka barato na registration fee. For example, Naga City they also have their own training Center. For slaughtering operation, nag proposed... diba free man kuman ang first batch as approved by the Sanggunian. We only proposed 1,500 for the succeeding batches na enrollment fee, kay jaon na tag proposed na amount Vice because we will be transporting the trainees from LTPC to slaughter house. That's free of transportation already, so kay gabii man ang ila practical work during operatio nang slaughter house or jaoy sab early morning na practical work kay para dili na kita mag gasto pagpalit nan baboy for na gamiton nila during the practical work. That's why barato ra ang ato enrollment fee, 1,500.00.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, there are... for the record there are two fees that has to be considered here, the training and then the assessment fees.

MS. ROSELYN ARMIDA B. MERLIN/ LTPC CENTER HEAD:

Yes, pero ang assessment fee Mayor ah Vice dili kita jaon ang nag impose nan amount its TESDA. Because that is national regulated nan TESDA, so whether you take it in Cebu in other areas in Luzon the same amount an imo bayaran.

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, the Presiding Officer, inquired about the operational status of the LTPC function hall rental with Ms. Roselyn B. Merlin. She confirmed its functionality and mentioned the addition of air conditioning units the previous year. When asked about the size of the function hall, she said that it could accommodate 100 people, highlighting its affordability compared to other function halls in the city.

Ms. Merlin explained that the rental fee had remained at P1,800.00 since 2011, causing a financial loss due to the increased expenses for air conditioning units. To address this, she proposed an increase of P1,200.00.

The Presiding then playfully suggested the use of the function hall for birthday celebrations of media members, mentioning Solidaridad Monteros, Tirso Clerigo, Jojo Ferrol, and Lito Gibertas. He encouraged them to take advantage of the P3,000.00 rental fee for the first 5 hours, suggesting that councilors could sponsor the events. He also expressed the hope that Ms. Merlin would get married and utilize the function hall for her wedding, to which she responded *hopefully*.

There being no more discussions, the **RULES ARE REINSATED**. Thereafter, a motion to approve on 2nd reading was presented and approved. The Presiding Officer then requested the Acting Secretary to calendar the matter on third and final reading on the next session.

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3RD and Final Reading:

- Proposed Ordinance “An Ordinance Creating Engineer IV (SG22) under the Processing and Evaluation Division of the Office of the City Building Official”.

Honorable Azarcon was recognized. After confirming the absence of further questions or clarifications, a motion to approve on 3rd and final reading was presented and approved, to wit:

On motion of Honorable Cacel R. Azarcon, seconded by Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, it was unanimously

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 498
SERIES OF 2024**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION ENGINEER IV (SG22) UNDER THE PROCESSING AND EVALUATION DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL.

WHEREAS, the City Government of Surigao through its Sangguniang Panlungsod has established the Office of the City Building Official as a separate and distinct department of the City Government by virtue of City Ordinance No. 481, Series of 2023, providing for its organizational structure, staffing pattern, and duties and function;

WHEREAS, due to limited financial capability, only the City Government Department Head I (City Building Official) position was created in 2023. The City Building Official is being assisted by employees from the City Engineering Office – Building Division until such time that a regular workforce under OBO has been created which is in line with the transitory provision of the said Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Surigao has a budget allocation in 2024 to create one division chief position under OBO;

NOW THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Surigao City in a regular session assembled, hereby ordains that:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF POSITION. The Engineer IV with salary grade 22 is hereby created under the Processing and Evaluation Division of the Office of the City Building Official. The Processing and Evaluation Division shall be responsible for accepting and processing building permit applications, check and review compliance of building structures with zoning ordinance and the National Building Code.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS. The created position shall follow the minimum Qualification Standards provided by the Civil Service Commission.

- Education:** Degree in Engineering relevant to the job
- Experience:** Three (3) years of relevant experience
- Training:** sixteen (16) hours of relevant training
- Eligibility:** RA 1080 (Engineer)

SECTION 3. FUNDING. The funds for the abovementioned items shall be included in the annual budget of the City and shall continue to be appropriated every year thereafter.

SECTION 4. APPLICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. The Civil Service Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be properly observed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Enacted on February 22, 2024.

SPONSORED BY: HON. CACEL R. AZARCON
Chairman, Committee Rules

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PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

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OTHER MATTERS

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ ACTING SP SECRETARY:

For our preparation for the Local Legislative Award Assessment (LLA) Mr. Chair. May I inform this august body that in the preparation for the next LLA, we are consolidating the needed documents for the assessment. So may we request you to sign the minutes of the sessions as well as the approved Ordinance and Resolutions from July 22 to September 2023. So originally Mr. Chair this documents are already sign by the Presiding Officer and by the Secretary, but as per advice from the DILG, that all members present during the session shall sign the minutes and approved ordinance and resolution . So we will just send all this documents to your office for you to sign. That's all Mr. Chair.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 8th Regular Session was adjourned at 2:33 o'clock in the afternoon of February 22, 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. SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS:

Let as put ourselves in Holy present of God.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Most gracious Father God, we praise and thank you thee for the giving us wisdom in dealing with the success for our city. Thank you for Your unmeasured kindness to us inspite of our shortcomings committed. As we step out in this plenary, dismiss us with Your love and care. Make us kind and useful to our family, community and city. Bless each one of us here as we part ways, in Jesus Christ mighty name we pray. Amen.

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

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.

ALFONSO S. CASURRA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer