

Republic of the Philippines  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE  
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON APRIL 4, 2024.

**PRESENT:**

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. Joel E. Tinio	- City Councilor
Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	- City Councilor
Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	- 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

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	- SK Federation President
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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of April 4, 2024.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MS. EDNA B. SIEGA / ACTING SP SECRETARY:**

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

Loving heavenly Father, we come to you this hour asking for your blessings. Give us desire to find ways to excel in our works from this session with Your presence. Enlighten our minds and fill our hearts with love and wisdom to work with righteousness in accordance of your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

**SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**ROLL CALL**

58 The roll call was conducted with all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod listed  
59 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 the  
67 resolutions that were passed and approved in the previous regular session.

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69 Thereafter, Honorable Joel E. Tinio was recognized and presented a motion for the  
70 approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A.  
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73 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on March 21, 2024, re:  
74 Resolution Nos. 63-68 be as it is hereby approved.

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78 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

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

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82 *We'll go now to matters of information. The first of these to be informed... that this*  
83 *representation has already selected the new SP Secretary and the pertinent papers for her*  
84 *appointment was already signed by me on April 1, 2024, the person I am talking is the one in front*  
85 *of you, Mrs. Edna Basmayor Siega, let's give her a warm of applause.*

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87 *(Applause)*

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89 *The reason for I having chosen her from among the 5 candidates was of course seniority,*  
90 *loyalty, fidelity to the office and above all that she has been with us for 26 years serving the*  
91 *Sangguniang Panlungsod.*

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93 *So, may I ask everyone to extend the usual support to Mrs. Edna Basmayor Siega and*  
94 *wish her the best of luck and the coming years of her life that she will be the SP Secretary as I was*  
95 *very emphatic on her that she has to remain hamble as she has to exhibit the qualities of a leader*  
96 *as well as the qualities of being a head of a man and women who has also been with us for quite a*  
97 *time already. So, God speed Edna B. Siega and we look forward for your unwavering commitment*  
98 *to your work as the new Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary.*

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100 **MRS. EDNA B. SIEGA/SP SECRETARY:**

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102 *Thank you very much, Vice.*

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

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106 *The second one is, the letter of Board Member Constantino B. Navarro IV addressed to*  
107 *this representation I just would like to read in toto the letter that was address to me dated April 3,*  
108 *2024 received by this office at 9:15 yesterday in the morning.*

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110 *"Dear Hon. Casurra,*

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112 *Greetings!*  
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*This refers to the referred proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2024 passed for review by the committee on Finance Budget and Appropriations shared by yours truly entitled, to wit; The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2024 of Surigao City Province of Surigao del Norte.*

*In view thereof, I would like to invite your SP Chairman on Finance and SP Secretary to a committee meeting/hearing schedule this coming April 8, Monday at 10 o'clock in the morning at the SP conference hall.*

*Thank you for your cooperation and support to this endeavor.*

*Signed Constantino B. Navarro IV"*

*In the afternoon I wrote a reply to the letter, the gist of which is as follows:*

*"This has reference to your letter of April 3, 2024 relative to Appropriation Ordinance No. 10, series of 2023 of the LGU of Surigao City which was officially received by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Office on December 29, 2023 for review.*

*With all you respect we invite your attention to the provision of the local government code of 1991, RA7160 the pertinent provisions which is quoted hereunder to wit;*

*'Section 327- Review Of Appropriation Ordinance Of Component Cities And Municipalities. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall review the ordinance authorizing annual or supplemental appropriations of component cities and municipalities in the same manner and within the same period prescribed for review of other ordinances. If within 90 days from receipt of copies of such ordinance the Sangguniang Panlalawigan takes no action thereon, the same shall be deemed to have been reviewed in accordance with law and shall continue to be in full force and effect. If within the same period of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall have ascertain that the ordinance authorizing annual or supplemental appropriations has not complied with the requirements set forth in this title the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall within 90 day period herein above prescribed declare such ordinance inoperative in its entirety or in part.*

*Items of appropriation contrary to limitations prescribed in this title or excess or the amount prescribed here in shall be disallowed or reduced accordingly. Considering that to date, meaning April 3, the 90-day period had already elapse and there is nothing in your journal of proceedings as of April 1, 2024 that would indicated that the body has taken any action thereon, it follows that the city's 2024 budget is deemed to have been reviewed in accordance with law and is now considered operative. In any event, we still would like to seek clarification and guidance from you on the matter.*

*Thank you very much.*

*Sincerely yours, this representation."*

*The 90-days period lapsed last March 31, we thought that they will be having action during the session of April 1 but there was none. In fact, they wrote us a letter addressed to me and inviting in the SP Chairman on Finance to a hearing or a meeting April 8, 2024. I had taken of note the 90-days period has already elapsed and for that reason we stand our ground that the 2024 annual budget of the city has already become operative in view of the fact there was never any action taken by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan within the 90-days period.*

*In any event, I would refer this matter to the Chair, Committee on Finance and Appropriation as to the best action that he will take on this as he being invited to a meeting by Board Member Navarro on April 8, at 10 o'clock in the morning.*

*I will refer this letter to you. Nag lapse naman nan 90 days, so I do not know why they have not taken of note. Yes, do you have anything to say, Councilor Bayana?*

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

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174 *I will still have to read it, Mr. Chairman, then, perhaps make a corresponding...*

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

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178 *So, that is all for the matters of information...*

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

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182 *...recommendation, Mr. Chairman, in due time.*

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

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186 *As I have said, I have stood my ground on this considering that the letter was addressed to*  
187 *me. But this is not the only time that this happened also. I remember right that there was that from*  
188 *term of 2016-2019 there was also a time that the budget of the local government unit of Surigao*  
189 *lapsed into law and at the time it was still Board Member Galanida was the Chair, Committee on*  
190 *finance and he did not anymore contest our findings because at that time the 90-day period has*  
191 *already elapsed, there was nothing to indicate that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has taken action*  
192 *on it, although there is an action now taken of inviting us to a committee hearing on April 8 but that*  
193 *would mean rather that situation obtaining is that we have to stand ground that there is nothing*  
194 *much to be reviewed because it has already been considered to have been reviewed in*  
195 *accordance with law the 90-days period having elapse without any action taken by the*  
196 *Sangguniang Panlalawigan.*

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202 **INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND**  
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205 On motion of Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas duly seconded by Honorable Joel E. Tinio  
206 and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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209 **RESOLVED**, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Session  
210 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 4 April 2024 as prepared and presented.

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214 **FIRST READING:**

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219 **REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:**

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221 A. *Committee on Health and Sanitation —*

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223 • Indorsement form the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the  
224 City Council to pass a resolution Adopting and Approving the Disaster Risk  
225 Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan for CY 2024-2026 of  
226 the City of Surigao by the City Development Council.  
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B. Committee on Urban Development and Land Use—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor requesting the City Council to authorize him to enter into a Deed of Donation between the Local Government Unit of Surigao City and Don Julio Ouano Resourced Association Incorporated (DOJURAI) the entirety of the road lot (Lot No. 796-A-2-B) covered by the TCT No. T-11866 situated at Barangay Canlanipa, this city, represented by its President Pio L. Sembrano
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to accept the Deed of Donation with Mr. Samuel B. Ancla of a parcel of land consisting of 1,135 square meters to be used as a Road Right of Way in Barangay Anomar, this city.

C. Committee on Appropriations—

- Indorsement from the City Budget Officer, submitting Supplemental Budget No. 01 for CY 2024 in the amount of Eighty-Six Million Eight Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Point and Twenty-Four Centavos (P86,813,283.24)
- Letter from the City Budget office, submitting the Annual Budget for CY 2024 of Barangays Mabini, Day-asan, Rizal, Togbongon, Catadman, Talisay, Bilabid, Lisondra, San Roque, Washington, Alegria and Sabang, all of this city.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, the request of Atty. Vals P. Lisondra, District Public Attorney, to grant a Monthly Honorarium to Public Attorney's Office Lawyers assigned in the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the amount of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) and MTCC in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) to be taken from the budget of Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Surigao City.

D. Committee on on Appropriations and Committee on Health and Sanitation—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor requesting the City Councilor to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) Center for Health Development (CHD) Caraga for the grant of Health Emergency Allowance to the City Health of Surigao to eligible Health Care Workers (HCW's) and non-Health Care Workers, for favorable action and approval.

E. Committee on Rules—

- Indorsement from the Vice Mayor, the herein request for the concurrence of the appointment of EDNA B. SIEGA, as Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary, of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Office, pursuant to existing rules and regulations.

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

*Mr. Chairman, was this matter included in the Calendar of Business?*

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

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**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

*So, therefore this cannot be acted upon today?*

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

*We can.*

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

*But it is not included in the Calendar of Business.*

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

*Mubalik kita sa inclusion, e suspend rakan ang rules.*

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

*This should have been included in the Calendar of Business.*

**MRS. EDNA B. SIEGA/SP SECRETARY:**

*Yes, Hon. Azarcon. Thank you.*

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

*Okay. Committee reports, the first of which is the Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana. Go ahead Councilor Bayana, you have the floor.*

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

*Uman adto kan Edna, di nato ipa-include? May I move for the suspension of the rules, Mr. Chairman.*

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

*Rules are suspended. We go back.*

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

*Mr. Chairman, may I move for the inclusion, Mr. Chairman, the proposed appointment of EDNA B. SIEGA, the concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the appointment of EDNA B. SIEGA as SP Secretary. I so move, Mr. Chairman.*

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

*There is now a motion that we will include this under the agenda, the indorsement of this representation requesting for the concurrence of the appointment of EDNA B. SIEGA as Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary pursuant to existing rules and regulations. So, this will be handled under Calendar of Business. Okay?*

*We now go to Committee Reports.*

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Bayana was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, good afternoon. Good afternoon to my colleagues. The committee report covers the ordinance containing the annual budget for CY 2024 of barangay Taft, the proposed annual budget for CY 2024 of barangay Taft is in the amount of P23,948,26.00. The same has been favorably indorsed by the local finance committee subject to the subject of the usual statutory limitations.

The committee on Appropriation therefore recommends the approval of the ordinance containing the annual budget for CY 2024 of Barangay Taft.

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. 71 - 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BARANGAY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CY 2024 OF BARANGAY TAFT, THIS CITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX PESOS (PHP 23,948,026.00).

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

WHEREAS, the annual budget of Barangay Taft 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, jointly seconded by Hon. Baltazar C. Abian and 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 Taft, this city, in the amount of Twenty-Three Million Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Six Pesos (Php 23,948,026.00).

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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Honorable Catre was recognized.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. This pertains to the request of the City Mayor for a resolution to allow the Municipality of Madrid, Surigao del Sur to utilize the sanitary landfill facilities of the City of Surigao for disposal of their solid waste for the period of one (1) year. During the Committee Hearing, the Municipality of Madrid through its MENRO Officer requested that they be

allowed to dispose in the sanitary landfill 20 cubic meters of their residual waste every month, for a fee.

Our City ENRO, Engineer Casurra, reported that the city sanitary landfill, specifically cell number 4, has an estimated life span of 6.3 years. If we would accept the proposal or the request of the Municipality of Madrid to dispose of their residual waste for a year, then the lifespan of our sanitary landfill shall be shortened by .25 years.

While the request is very much welcome because this could potentially turn our sanitary landfill into another economic enterprise of the city, especially because there are only four (4) operational landfills in the entire Caraga Region, this could also shorten the lifespan of our sanitary landfill. Considering that our Ordinance regarding Solid Waste Management has only been recently passed, we need to further study our garbage collection to truly determine if we can really accommodate the request of other LGUs to use our sanitary landfill. Besides, the construction of the weighing area or weighing bridge in our sanitary landfill is not yet 100% ready, and we still have to enact the necessary ordinance to determine how much we're going to charge for such usage.

It is therefore recommended that the request of the Municipality of Madrid be held in abeyance until after the enabling ordinance shall have been completed, passed and approved by the City Mayor.

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

The motion to adopt the committee report was favorably seconded and approved.

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1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

None

B. Urgent Matters:

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution Adopting and Approving the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan for CY 2024-2026 of the City of Surigao by the City Development Council

Honorable Geli was recognized. Thereafter, **RULES ARE SUSPENDED.**

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to everyone. Since this indorsement is denominated as urgent, I'm bound to take this indorsement. Since, I tried to read it briefly, but I asked for the presence of our City Health Officer, Dr. Benjielita Notada, is she around? Mr. Chairman, can I invite Dr. Notada here into the floor to...

DR. BENJIELITA P. NOTADA/CITY HEALTH OFFICER:

This Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Health Plan is, was formulated, this is the second already na plan, Mr. Chair, because we already had this 2021 to 2023. This is already an update for 2024 to 2026. This DRRM-H Plan was formulated because of the pandemic. The Department of Health asked for this so that when in times of disaster or any emergency cases for



health issues, we already have this matter put into plan, sa ato DRRM-H Plan. This is one of the requirements for our local health, LGU scorecard for Health, and also one of the requirements for our SGLG.

Why we indorsed it? We need to have the resolution because we have certain budgets written there, put in there. So, for any disaster, we'll need emergency funds or emergency medicines or anything that we need, any supplies to respond to the emergencies or disaster. That is why, this plan will not be accepted by the Department of Health if not indorsed to the SB or SP for the resolution. Which means, that it was adopted and is accepted by the LGU.

During discussion, Honorable Bayana noticed the inconsistency of data provided in the plan. However, in view of the urgency of the matter, he proposed to approve the same with the colatilla that it will be corrected.

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

With the statement of Councilor Bayana kanina maybe we can just for the SGLG we can pass this then schedule a committee as the whole to discuss each and every paragraph of this plan. Kay bagan daghan daghan sab ano. There are thing still needed to be updated and corrected, Mr. Chairman.

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

Colatilla rakan.

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

Some are typographical errors.

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

Any other comment? Any other observation? If none, then we will reinstate the rules. Thank you so much, Dr. Notada.

**RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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

We have already come to an agreement that the matter be considered for approval subject to the necessary corrections on the data as well as all the other items that need to be corrected. So, you have now the floor, Councilor Geli.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, with the presentation of Dr. Notada, I move to pass a resolution adopting and approving the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan for CY 2024-2026 of the City of Surigao. I so move.

The motion was favorably seconded and approved to wit:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2024**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT IN HEALTH (DRRM-H) PLAN FOR CY 2024-2026 OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as Urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution Adopting and Approving the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan CY 2024-2026 of the City of Surigao by the City Development Council, for immediate favorable action and approval;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 110121 aims to strengthen the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System, provide for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework, and institutionalize the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to focus on the contribution of the health care system in society and to strengthen its capacity and networks to effectively address the needs of the population, especially during disasters and public health emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan aims to prepare and strengthen the entire healthcare capacity and relevant healthcare networks of the City Government of Surigao to effectively and efficiently respond to disasters and public health emergencies, covering the four thematic areas of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management: Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery and Rehabilitation, consistent with national and international policies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, and duly seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution adopting and approving the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Plan for CY 2024-2026 of the City of Surigao.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, City Health Office, and all concerned, this city, for their information and favorable action.

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**C. Business of the Day**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

- Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Prescribing The Rental Fees On The Use Of The City Owned LED Video Wall And Tents, And For Other Purposes."

Honorable Bayana was recognized. Thereafter, a motion was presented to approve the Proposed Ordinance on second reading which was favorably seconded and approved. During the discussion stage, the **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the Chairman of Finance Committee to provide further information with regard the matter.

**ATTY. JEFFREY P. GALIDO / CITY BUDGET OFFICER:**

*As to the proposed rent of the tent it was before recommended to have it P40.00 per square meter but as I have seen the revised ordinance or the proposed ordinance now is P15.00 per square meter and a tent usually is usually 3x3 meter tent. So, its now more on 9 square meter tents. So, its 9x15 is more or less 45+90 that's 135 a day, so, that's very minimal.*

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

*Pila ka square meter?*

567 **ATTY. JEFFREY P. GALIDO / CITY BUDGET OFFICER:**

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

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575 **ATTY. JEFFREY P. GALIDO / CITY BUDGET OFFICER:**

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577 *That's 9 square meters, that's only P135.00 per day, if my mathematics is correct.*

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585 *40x9, that's 360, 360.*

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

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 590 *pagbilar, hu kay kamahal ton kon kwurenta pesos.*

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592 **ATTY. JEFFREY P. GALIDO / CITY BUDGET OFFICER:**

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594 *Sakto ra jaun kinse o baynte.*

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

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598 *Oo kay lakip ini ba jaun mga.....whoever is applying can use of this tent?*

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600 **ATTY. JEFFREY P. GALIDO / CITY BUDGET OFFICER:**

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

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606 *The only exception will be, who can use the items, free of charge, Mr. Chairman, are the*  
 607 *City Officials, the provincial government or any of its offices, national offices or agencies,*  
 608 *government owned or controlled corporations. Actually, in so far as the provincial government,*  
 609 *national offices or agencies or government owned controlled corporations, the original proposal*  
 610 *was for them to pay the rental but in the proposed ordinance they are, they can use the item, free*  
 611 *of charge, only the private individuals or entities who intends to use the LED video wall and tents*  
 612 *will pay the rental.*

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 615 *Ordinance was scheduled for third and final reading on the next regular session.*

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- Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Establishing A Crisis Center For Abused Women And Children Under The City Social Welfare And Development Office (CSWDO), Appropriating Funds Thereof And For Other Purpose

Honorable Catre was recognized and moved that the Proposed Ordinance be taken up on second reading. The same was approved. **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource persons to join the discussion.

Ms. Lenie S. Liray, CSWD Officer read the full contents of the proposed ordinance. On Section 2 of the said ordinance, it was proposed that another provision be added so that non-resident victims will be referred to their respective municipalities after assessment of the CSWDO.

There being no more queries, the resource persons were excused. Thereafter, a motion was presented to approve the Proposed Ordinance on second reading, which was favorably seconded and approved. The same was scheduled for third and final reading on the next regular session.

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**Third and Final Reading:**

- Proposed Ordinance realigning the approved project with budget appropriation in CY 2023 under the 20% Development Fund, from Construction of Swine Breeder Farm, Barangay Mabini to Construction of Swine Breeder Farm, Barangay Silop

Honorable Bayana made corrections to the letters of the Ordinance. Thereafter, on motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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

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**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 02**  
Series of 2024

**AN ORDINANCE REALIGNING THE SUM OF ₱3,450,000.00 - FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWINE BREEDER FARM IN BARANGAY MABINI TO CONSTRUCTION OF SWINE BREEDER FARM IN BARANGAY SILOP, UNDER THE 20% DEVELOPMENT FUND OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET CY 2023, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The sum of ₱ 3,450,000.00 allocated under the 20% Development Fund of the Annual Budget for CY 2023 for the construction of Swine Breeder Farm in Barangay Mabini is hereby made available for realignment and further appropriation.

**SECTION 2.** The sum of ₱ 3,450,000.00 allocated for the construction of Swine Breeder Farm project in Barangay Mabini is hereby realigned to construction of a Swine Breeder Farm project in Barangay Silop.

**SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS.** - Strict compliance with Republic Act 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable laws and rules shall be observed in the procurement procedure.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVTTY.** — This appropriation ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Enacted on April 4, 2024.

SPONSORED BY: **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA**  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriation

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- Indorsement from the Vice Mayor, the herein request for the concurrence of the appointment of EDNA B. SIEGA, as Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary, of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Office, pursuant to existing rules and regulations.

Honorable Azarcon was recognized.

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. This pertains to the request of City Vice Mayor, for the concurrence of the appointment of Edna Basmayor Siega, as Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary. A while ago Mr. Chairman before we started our session, the just newly appointed SP Secretary approached me, requested that her concurrence will be done today. Of course I cannot refuse her considering further that her preparation is already in place. The caterer is already ready, everybody is prepared to participate with her celebration. And so therefore I am constrained to act upon her request. Mrs. Siega has already been appointed as City Government Department Head I, Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod with SG 25, under a permanent status with a compensation rate of ₱ 92,421.00. The nature of her appointment is promotion vice Nenita G. Loayon who already retired with plantilla No. 56 page 57 in such appointment to assigned by the Honorable Vice Mayor on April 1, 2024. The Acting City Accountant Emmadel B. Lisondra likewise issued a certification to the effect that the appointment of Ms. Edna B. Siega as Secretary to the Sanggunian that there is an available fund for her compensation pursuant to appropriation ordinance No. 10, Series of 2023. The Honorable Vice Mayor likewise issued a certification stating, among others that all the pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic Act 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991 has been complied with in the issuance of appointment of Ms. Edna B. Siega. With item No. 56, Secretary to the Sanggunian, Sangguniang Panlungsod of City of Surigao. The Honorable Vice Mayor likewise issued a certification of assumption to her duty. Stating that Mrs. Edna B. Siega, has assumed the duties and responsibilities as City Government Department Head I, Secretary to the Sanggunian, Sangguniang Panlungsod effective April 1, 2024. Mrs. Edna B. Siega likewise took his oath of office on April 1, 2024. In her personal data sheet, she stated that she is married to Mr. Alan Litang Siega, sakto? Basin sajop ako ini masulti? Only 1 husband.

**MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ SP SECRETARY:**

Only one.

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

She has only 1 daughter named Judyann B. Siega. She is a career service sub-professional passer and a career service professional passer. One thing that I have noticed Mr. Chairman that in her special skills and hobbies, she stated that her skill is on driving. I do not know what kind of driving is this, and I don't know if this is special skill.

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

Driving?

**HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

735 *Driving basin sa NC II ini?*

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737 MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ SP SECRETARY:

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740 HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

741           Considering that all the legal requirements for her appointment are... Considering that all  
742           the documentary and all the legal requirement had been complied with, and considering further that  
743           the celebration is about to take place. I am therefore respectfully moving for the concurrence for  
744           that concurrence of appointment of Mrs. Edna B. Siega, as City Government Department Head I,  
745           Secretary to the Sanggunian, Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao. I so move Mr.  
746           Chairman.

747 The motion was favorably seconded by all the members of the council present and  
748 approved to wit:

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750 RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2024

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752 A RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. EDNA B. SIEGA  
753 AS CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD I (SECRETARY TO THE  
754 SANGGUNIAN) OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO.

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756 **WHEREAS**, presented for inclusion in the agenda is the appointment of Ms. Edna B. Siega  
757 as City Government Department Head I (Secretary to the Sanggunian) of the City Government of  
758 Surigao;

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760 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5 (i) (ii), Rule I of the CSC Resolution No. 1701009 or the  
761 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (Revised July 2018),  
762 an appointment to head of department or office, such as Department Head, Administrator, Legal  
763 Officer, and Information Officer positions requires concurrence of the majority of all members of the  
764 Sangguniang as provided for under Section 443 (d), Section 454 (d) and Section 463 (d) of RA No.  
765 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991;

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767 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Siega was appointed by the City Vice Mayor on a Permanent status and  
768 the same took her Oath of Office last April 1, 2024;

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770 **WHEREAS**, the City Mayor certified that all pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic  
771 Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, and have been complied with in the issuance  
772 of appointment of Ms. Edna B. Siega with Item No. 56 as City Government Department Head I  
773 (Secretary to the Sanggunian) of the City of Surigao;

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775 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Cacel R. Azarcon, and duly seconded by all  
776 the members present, it was unanimously

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778 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution concurring the appointment of Ms. Edna B. Siega as  
779 City Government Department Head I (Secretary to the Sanggunian) of the City of Surigao.

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781 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
782 Mayor, Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO), the Civil Service  
783 Commission (CSC), and all concerned, this city, for their information and favorable action.

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788 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

789 *Mr. Chairman, if I may add, Mr. Chairman. Before we finally proceed with the celebration*  
 790 *may I respectfully request the just newly appointed SP Secretary to say something about herself.*  
 791 *How is she going to...*

792 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:**793 *She has prepared already, sige you just read that.*

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795 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**796 *Iton man gani, dili ko gusto binasa gusto jaon kuan spontaneous impromptu.*

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798 **MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ SP SECRETARY:**

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800 *To our Vice Hon. Alfonso S, Casurra, to the members of this of Council, media men,*  
 801 *guests and my colleagues, good afternoon.*

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803 *It is with great honor and humility that I stand before you today, as the newly appointed*  
 804 *Secretary to the Sanggunian. I've been a part of the Sanggunian Panlungsod since 1995, 29 years*  
 805 *in service, starting as a clerk and gradually taking on more responsibilities over the years. In 2019,*  
 806 *I had the privilege of serving as the Supervising Administrative Officer, and last year in July 2022, I*  
 807 *was designated as the Acting Sanggunian Secretary, a position that has now led to the honor of*  
 808 *serving as Secretary to the Sanggunian.*

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810 *I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our ever-loving, supportive*  
 811 *Honorable Vice Mayor Pons, Thank you, Sir for your trust and support throughout this journey.*  
 812 *Vice, your words of wisdom during the signing of my appointment, urging me to remain humble,*  
 813 *have left a lasting impression on me. And I assure you, Vice Pons, that I will carry this advice with*  
 814 *me as I take on, a new role.*

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816 *To the members of the City Council, I want to say thank you for your guidance and*  
 817 *assistance during my time as Acting Sanggunian Secretary. I look forward to continuing to work*  
 818 *closely with you, to ensure the smooth functioning of the legislative process.*

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820 *To my dear colleagues, you have been more than just co-workers, you have been my*  
 821 *second family. Your support and our shared camaraderie have been a constant source of strength.*  
 822 *Let us continue to stand by each other, supporting and uplifting one another as we work towards*  
 823 *our goals.*

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825 *As the newly appointed Secretary to the Sanggunian, my plans include efficiently*  
 826 *managing administrative tasks, ensuring accurate documentation of proceedings, facilitating*  
 827 *communication between members, and implementing transparent process to support the*  
 828 *Sanggunian Members objectives. With our paperless session, I will implement more digital tools*  
 829 *together with our IT expert for better efficiency and accessibility. I am proud to share with you once*  
 830 *again that we were awarded as regional finalist for the Local Legislative Award 2023, showcasing*  
 831 *our commitment to excellence. I and my admin staff will continue to strive hard to uphold our pride*  
 832 *and achievements.*

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834 *And finally, to our loving God, thank you for the countless blessings You have bestowed*  
 835 *upon me and for guiding me to this moment. May His guidance continue to illuminate my path as I*  
 836 *undertake the responsibilities to me.*

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838 *Thank you for all your support, and God bless us all. Once again, good afternoon.*

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

*We welcome you, officially as the new Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and may your appointment now as the permanent Secretary to the Sanggunian gives you more impetus to serve the people of Surigao to serve better and best. For us here, as members we come and go, you remain here. We, the members of Sangguniang Panlungsod come and go but with your continued commitment to your office, to your duty I, as your City Vice Mayor and your head of office for that matter really would like to ask you as to reiterate to remain as humble. To remain committed to your job as I was telling everyone during the flag raising, it took me almost 2 months to have a soul searching on who would be the next Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary. And God has provided me the wisdom to select you and this is the gift from the Almighty. And gift that has to be cherished from now on until kingdom, and making sure that our relationship with each other remains steadfast in promoting the desire of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to serve for more better. In efficiency and in the way that you handle things. I have been quite strict with the way we handle things, but you have to bear with me as long as I am your Department Head. It is something that I really would like to make sure that our operations here will be as smooth as ever, and making sure that everyone will give due respect to you as the Secretary to the Sanggunian. I call upon all the members of the staff of the Sanggunian and office of the Vice Mayor to lend their support to our newly appointed Secretary to the Sanggunian Panlungod Edna Basmayor Siega.*

*Congratulations again!*

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**PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH**

None

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**OTHER MATTERS**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters discussed, the 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Session was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of April 4, 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. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

Please rise.

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



894 Gracious Father, as we depart, we thank You for what has been accomplished here today. That  
895 you have allowed us to work together. We would not have done it without You. Let the work done  
896 here bring us positive results and let it all be for Your glory. May Your love and grace continue to  
897 guide us. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

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903 APPROVED, this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2024.

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906 WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing statements, resolutions and the like were  
907 passed and approved by us, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao,  
908 Province of Surigao del Norte.

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911 **EDNA B. SIEGA**  
912 Sanggunian Secretary

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**SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS**  
City Councilor  
**CACEL R. AZARCON**  
City Councilor

**JOENIL B. ALDONZA**  
City Councilor  
**JOEL E. TINIO**  
City Councilor

**JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI**  
City Councilor  
**BALTAZAR C. ABIAN**  
City Councilor

**NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.**  
City Councilor  
**JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA**  
City Councilor

**JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO**  
City Councilor  
**KARL DUANE A. CASURRA**  
City Councilor

**FLORENILLO B. RAVELO**  
Liga ng mga Barangay President

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917 ATTESTED BY:  
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919 **ALFONSO S. CASURRA**  
920 Vice Mayor  
921 Presiding Officer