

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 20th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON MAY 23, 2024.

PRESENT:

- Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas - City Councilor (Presiding Officer)
- Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza - City Councilor
- Hon. Joel E. Tinio - City Councilor
- Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli - 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 Barangay President
- Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura - SK Federated President

ABSENT:

- Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra - City Vice Mayor (Acting City Mayor)
- Hon. Cacer R. Azarcon - City Councilor
- Hon. Baltazar C. Abian - City Councilor
- Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr. - City Councilor (On Leave)

The session was called to order at 2:04 o'clock in the afternoon of May 20, 2024.

OPENING PRAYER

MS. EDNA B. SIGEA/ SP SECRETARY:

In the name of the father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit. Amen.

Heavenly father, we thank You for this wonderful day that You have added to our lives. Lord, we gather today with the responsibility of making decisions that will affect many. Guide us to make choices that are fair, ethical, and aligned with your wisdom. Let integrity be our compass as we navigate through this session. 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

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

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65 **PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE**
66 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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68 Before the approval of the Minutes, Sanggunian Secretary, Ms. Edna B. Siega read the
69 resolutions that were passed and approved in the previous regular sessions.

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71 Thereafter, Honorable Joel E. Tinio was recognized and presented a motion for the approval
72 of the Minutes of the previous regular sessions, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it
73 was unanimously

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75 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on May 16, 2024, re: Resolution
76 Nos. 106-113 be as it is hereby approved.

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80 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

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

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89 Prior the approval of Agenda, Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana moved for inclusion
90 under fist reading the Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Enacting the City Veterinary Code of
91 Surigao City, Providing Penalties for Violators Thereof, and For Other Purposes."

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93 Thereafter, on motion of Honorable Joel e. Tinio duly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey
94 S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

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97 **RESOLVED,** to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 20th Regular Session
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- Proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance Creating the City Information Technology Office, and Providing for its Tasks, Functions, Personnel and Appropriation Thereof and for Other Purposes." (By: Committee on Rules)
 - Proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance Creating the Tricycle-for-Hire and Trisikad Franchising Office under the Office of the City Mayor, Amending for that Purpose Sections 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 294, Series of 2009, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes. (By: Committee on Rules)

- 114 • Proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance Creating The Property Management
 115 Office under the Office of the City Mayor, Providing Its Duties and
 116 Responsibilities, Appropriating Funds Thereof and For Other Purposes."
 117 (By: Committee on Rules)
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- 119 • Proposed Ordinance "An Ordinance Enacting the City Veterinary Code of
 120 Surigao City, Providing Penalties for Violators Thereof, and For Other
 121 Purposes." (By: Committee on Ways and Means)
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- 123 • Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Recommending to the Local Chief
 124 Executive and the Sangguniang Panlungsod the Herein Proposed Cash
 125 Incentive to be Granted to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba", in the
 126 amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) (By:
 127 Committee on Appropriations)
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 132 **REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:**

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 134 *A. Committee on Appropriations —*

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- 136 • Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT,
 137 forwarding the Local Finance Committee (LFC) Resolution No. 16,
 138 Series of 2024, "A Resolution Recommending to the Local Chief
 139 Executive and the Sangguniang Panlungsod the herein Proposed Cash
 140 Incentive to be Granted to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba",
 141 in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00)
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- 143 • Letter from the City Budget office, submitting the Annual Budget for CY
 144 2024 of Barangay Luna and Zaragoza, this city.
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 149 Honorable Bayana moved for the suspension of the rules to include the Proposed
 150 Appropriation Ordinance Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and the Sangguniang
 151 Panlungsod the Proposed Cash Incentive to be Granted to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba,
 152 in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) under First Reading. Thereafter,
 153 rules are reinstated.
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 157 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

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 159 Honorable Casurra was recognized.

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 161 **HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:**

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 163 *Thank you. This committee report was referred to us, denominated as Urgent, with two (2)*
 164 *indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the*
 165 *City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumalo II to enter into a Service Contract Agreement (SCA) between the*
 166 *LGU-Surigao City and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) – Caraga*
 167 *Region, for the implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Service Contracting (PUVSC) Program of*
 168 *the LTFRB.*
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170 *And with this, the Committee on Transportation, Communication and Utilities acted on the*
 171 *request of the City Mayor, and the Local Government Unit of Surigao is identified by the Land*
 172 *Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board – Caraga Region as one of its Co-Implementors*
 173 *of the Public Utility Vehicle Service Contracting (PUVS) Program of the LTFRB, where the initiative*
 174 *of this program is to provide cash subsidies through payouts for contracting public transport services*
 175 *to affected public utility vehicle drivers while ensuring the efficiency and safety of public transport*
 176 *services and “facilitate the broad engagement of public transport cooperatives, associations, or*
 177 *corporations operating in the jurisdiction of the identified Local Government Unit.” This is a form of*
 178 *program subsidizing the transportation operations of the qualified operator by the LTFRB to*
 179 *encourage high service standards and enhance the overall commuting experience of the public.*

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 181 *Our Local Government Unit of Surigao has been chosen to be part of this program for the*
 182 *second time. On November 30, 2023, we issued SP Resolution No. 270, Series of 2023, which*
 183 *authorized the City Mayor to enter into a Service Contract Agreement with LTFRB for 2023. This*
 184 *time, the request is for participation for the year 2024, under the General Appropriation Act of 2023.*

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 186 *Recommendations: our committee has reviewed the proposed Service Contract Agreement*
 187 *for the implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Service Contracting Program of the LTFRB, and*
 188 *we find it advantageous and beneficial to our public transport and qualified operators, as well as, to*
 189 *the commuters. We recommend the passing of a resolution authorizing the City Mayor Pablo Yves*
 190 *L. Dumlao II to enter into the Service Contract Agreement between the Local Government Unit of*
 191 *Surigao and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) – Caraga Region,*
 192 *for the implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Service Contracting Program of the LTFRB.*

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

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

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 201 **RESOLUTION NO. 116 – 2024**

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 203 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L.**
 204 **DUMLAO II TO ENTER INTO SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL**
 205 **GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SURIGAO AND THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND**
 206 **REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) – CARAGA REGION, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**
 207 **PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE SERVICE CONTRACTING (PUVSC) PROGRAM OF THE LTFRB.**

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 209 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City
 210 Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him Enter into a Service Contract
 211 Agreement (SCA) between LGU-Surigao City and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory
 212 Board (LTFRB)- Caraga Region, for the implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Service
 213 Contracting (PUVSC) Program of the LTFRB;

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 215 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the special provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11936, otherwise
 216 known as the General Appropriations Act of 2023 (GAA 2023), the Public Utility Vehicle Service
 217 Contracting (PUVSC) Program shall be implemented in partnership with identified and qualified Local
 218 Government Units (LGUs) to facilitate the broad engagement of public transport cooperatives,
 219 associations, or corporations operating within their jurisdiction;

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 221 **WHEREAS**, the LTFRB is mandated under R.A. No. 11936, or the GAA 2023, to be the
 222 principal implementing Agency of the program;

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 224 **WHEREAS**, the LTFRB shall provide a Service Plan for onboarded PUV operators, monitor
 225 the submission of PUVSC reports, coordinate with the LGU for proper implementation of the
 226 program, ensure payment to PUV operators based on the Payment Scheme in accordance with labor

227 laws and other prevailing laws, and conduct activities necessary for the proper implementation of the
 228 program;

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230 **WHEREAS**, the LGU shall designate a focal person, coordinate with the LTFRB, provide
 231 certification of temporary rerouting plans or modified route structures, submit necessary reports,
 232 assist in the resolution of issues, participate in stakeholders' consultations, and perform other
 233 functions necessary for the proper administration and efficient operations of the program;

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235 **WHEREAS**, the OPERATOR shall undergo orientation, provide necessary information to the
 236 LTFRB, ensure payment of salaries and wages to respective drivers and other personnel, comply
 237 with the conditions of the program, ensure that all drivers hold valid Professional Driver's Licenses,
 238 ensure onboarded units are in good condition, ensure availability of 100% of unit trips, comply with
 239 existing LTFRB policies, and submit the Certificate of Payment of Regular Payout;

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241 **WHEREAS**, the GPS PROVIDER shall provide certification of operational GPS devices,
 242 provide monitoring access to the LTFRB and LGU, monitor authorized units, submit GPS Trip Report
 243 Certifications, and ensure availability of log reports and other data;

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245 **WHEREAS**, regular payouts shall be computed on a weekly basis and processed by the
 246 LTFRB upon submission of the GPS Trip Report Certification, with the regular payout being
 247 computed based on the number of trips per week and the rate per trip;

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249 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, seconded by
 250 Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

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252 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L.
 253 Dumlao II to enter into Service Contract Agreement Between the Local Government Unit of Surigao
 254 and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) – Caraga Region, for the
 255 implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Service Contracting (PUVSC) program of the LTFRB.

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257 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City
 258 Mayor and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), for their information.

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263 Honorable Bayana was recognized.

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

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267 *The Committee report, Mr. Chairman deals on the City Housing Board Resolution No. 2,*
 268 *Series of 2023.*

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270 *Facts: The City Appraisal Committee passed Resolution No. 7, Series of 2022, recommending that*
 271 *the value of lots awarded to qualified beneficiaries of socialized housing and resettlement projects of*
 272 *the City of Surigao should have a face value of Eight Hundred Pesos (Php 800.00) per square meter.*
 273 *This resolution of the City Appraisal Committee was adopted by the City Housing Board when it*
 274 *passed City Housing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023.*

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276 *A committee hearing was held on the matter by the Committee on Urban Development and Land*
 277 *Use, and during the discussions, it was pointed out that there are other resettlement*
 278 *sites of the city government and in the future, there will be others which will be located in other*
 279 *barangays where the valuation of the lots are different from that of Barangay Canlanipa.*
 280 *During the committee hearing, a representative from the City Planning and Development*
 281 *Office informed the Committee that there is another resolution passed by the City Housing*
 282 *Board which still has to be signed by the City Mayor which take into consideration the fact that*

283 *other resettlement sites may be established in the future in other barangays other than*
 284 *Barangay Canlanipa.*

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286 *Recommendation: The Committee, therefore, recommends that the matter be endorsed back to the*
 287 *City Planning and Development Office and internally request the CPDO to endorse the new*
 288 *resolutions of the City Housing Board to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.*

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290 *May I move for the adoption of my committee report.*

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 117 – 2024

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**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING BACK CITY HOUSING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2,
 SERIES OF 2023, TO THE CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CPDO).**

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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council for the passage of a resolution adopting the City Housing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023, Favorably Endorsing Resolution No. 7, Series of 2022 of the City Appraisal Committee;

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WHEREAS, the City Appraisal Committee passed Resolution No. 7, Series of 2022, recommending that the value of lots awarded to qualified beneficiaries of socialized housing and resettlement projects in the City of Surigao be set at Eight Hundred Pesos (Php 800.00) per square meter;

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WHEREAS, the City Housing Board adopted this recommendation by passing City Housing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023;

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WHEREAS, during the committee hearing held by the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use, it was pointed out that future resettlement sites might be established in other barangays, which may have different lot valuations compared to Barangay Canlanipa;

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WHEREAS, a representative from the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) informed the Committee about another resolution passed by the City Housing Board that addresses future resettlement sites in other barangays, which is still pending the City Mayor's signature;

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

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RESOLVED: To pass a resolution endorsing back City Housing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023, to the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO).

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RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), for their information.

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HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

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Mr. Chairman, this is a joint Committee Report by the Committees on Urban Development and Land Use as well as the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT
Committee on Urban Development and Land Use
and Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

Subject of the Report: *Request of the City Mayor to be Allowed to Enter into a Usufruct Agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center to Allow the Philippine Carabao Center to Use a Parcel of Land Owned by the City Government Located at Barangay Trinidad.*

Facts: *Incidentally, there was already a Memorandum of Agreement authorized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the City Government at the Philippine Carabao Center in relation to the establishment for a carabao-based business improvement network.*

Both the Committees would recommend the grant of an authority to the City Mayor for him to enter into a usufruct agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center, subject to the following amendments to the usufruct agreement:

1. *Responsibilities of the parties- Letter a, number 1, should be read as follow:*

“Allow the Philippine Carabao Center or PPC to use its aforementioned land and building exclusively for the latter’s dairy processing and marketing plan without any monetary consideration for a period of (5) years renewable upon agreement of the parties.”

2. *Venue of action- It should read as follows:*

“Any legal action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating of this agreement or the transactions contemplated therein may only be instituted in the proper courts of the City of Surigao, to the exclusion of all other courts.”

Recommendation: *With the amendments, the Committees on Agriculture as well as Urban Development and Land Use recommends the grant of an authority to the City Mayor to enter into a usufruct agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center.*

May I move Mr. Chairman for the adoption of the joint 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. 118 – 2024

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO
 II THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A USUFRUCT OF AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINE
 CARABAO CENTER SUBJECT TO THE TWO AMENDATORY PROVISIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement of the City Mayor, requesting for an authority for him to enter into the Usufruct Agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), to allow PCC to use the LGU's parcel of land and building situated at Barangay Trinidad exclusively for the latter's dairy processing plant for the establishment of a Province wide Carabao-Based Business Improvement Network under the Carabao-Based Enterprise Development Program;

WHEREAS, the PCC is implementing a locally-funded project entitled "Establishment of Province-Wide Carabao-based Business Improvement Network" under the Carabao-based Enterprise Development Program in City of Surigao, Surigao del Norte;

396 **WHEREAS**, PCC is the owner of the dairy post-harvest facilities and equipment, its listings
397 and technical description;

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399 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod had previously authorized a Memorandum of
400 Agreement between the City Government and the Philippine Carabao Center, in relation to the
401 establishment of a carabao-based business improvement network;

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403 **WHEREAS**, after thorough review by the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use,
404 as well as the Committees on Agriculture and Fisheries, it was recommended to grant authority to
405 the City Mayor to enter into a usufruct agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center, subject to the
406 following amendments to the Usufruct Agreement:

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409 1. *Responsibilities of the parties - Letter a, number 1, should read as follows:*

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411 *“Allow the Philippine Carabao Center or PPC to use its aforementioned land and building*
412 *exclusively for the latter’s dairy processing and marketing plan without any monetary consideration*
413 *for a period of five (5) years renewable upon agreement of the parties.”*

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415 2. *Venue of action - It should read as follows:*

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417 *“Any legal action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this agreement or the*
418 *transactions contemplated therein may only be instituted in the proper court of the City of Surigao,*
419 *to the exclusion of all other courts.”*

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

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424 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution granting the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao
425 II the authority to enter into a Usufruct of Agreement with the Philippine Carabao Center subject to
426 the two amendatory provisions.

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428 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City
429 Mayor and City Planning and Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), for their information.

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435 **1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, forwarding the Local Finance Committee (LFC) Resolution No. 16, Series of 2024, "A Resolution Recommending to the Local Chief Executive and the Sangguniang Panlungsod the Herein Proposed Cash Incentive to be Granted to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba, in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00)". (Committee on Appropriations)

453 Honorable Bayana requested for a **RECESS** thereafter the session **RESUME**.
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455 **HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:**

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457 *May I move Mr. Chairman for the passage of a proposed ordinance granting a cash incentive*
458 *in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) to Cadet First Class Jeneth*
459 *Becera Elumba, to be taken from other maintenance and operating expenses allocation from the*
460 *Office of the City Mayor. I so move, Mr. Chairman.*

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462 The motion was favorably seconded and approved. Thereafter, on motion of Honorable Jose
463 Expeditus B. Bayana, unanimously seconded by all members present, it was

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

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468 **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 04**
469 **Series 2024**

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472 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS**
473 **(P100,000.00), TO BE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS IN OTHER MAINTENANCE &**
474 **OPERATING EXPENSES (OMOE) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, FOR THE**
475 **GRANT OF A CASH INCENTIVE TO CADET FIRST CLASS JENETH BECERA ELUMBA,**
476 **MAGNA CUM LAUDE AND CLASS VALEDICTORIAN OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY**
477 **ACADEMY (PMA) BAGONG SINAG CLASS OF 2024, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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480 The Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao, in a session duly assembled, hereby
481 **ORDAINS:**

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483 **SECTION 1. SOURCE OF FUNDS.** There shall be a grant of One Hundred Thousand Pesos
484 (P100,000.00) Cash Incentive to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba, Magna Cum Laude and
485 Class Valedictorian of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Bagong Sinag Class of 2024 sourced
486 from the savings in Other Maintenance & Operating Expenses (OMOE) under the Office of the City
487 Mayor.

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489 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** The amount provided in the immediately preceding section
490 is hereby appropriated for the grant of Cash Incentive to Cadet First Class Jeneth Becera Elumba,
491 Magna Cum Laude and Class Valedictorian of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Bagong Sinag
492 Class of 2024.

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494 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY.** This Appropriation Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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498 **C. Business of the Day**

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500 **Third and final Reading:**

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 - Proposed Ordinance “An Ordinance Establishing the
 - Emergency Medical and Response Center of the City of
 - 503 Surigao, Appropriating Funds Thereof and For other
 - 504 Purposes.” (By: Committee on Public Order and Safety/
 - 505 Committee on Health and Sanitation)
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508 On motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, seconded Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra,
509 it was unanimously

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 514

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Series of 2024

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL
RESPONSE CENTER OF SURIGAO CITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, Section 4 and 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, and that the maintenance of peace and order, protection of life liberty and property, and the promotion of general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy":

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WHEREAS, the frequency natural disasters and the threat to peace and order posed by the criminality and other disturbances require the dedicated efforts of both the government and the private sector;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to improve public safety services and existing peace and order and public safety mechanisms by providing a clear command structure for responsibility and accessibility and by encouraging and facilitating the prompt deployment of a seamless emergency services;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a centralized system that will strengthen the emergency response of Surigao City to further increase the survival rate of its constituents and maximize existing logistics and manpower;

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao in session assembled that:

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Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as an "Ordinance Establishing the Emergency and Medical Response Center of Surigao City."

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Section 2. COVERAGE. The Ordinance shall be implemented within the whole jurisdiction of Surigao City and shall include all medical, emergency, disaster, peace and order response personnel whether volunteers or not.

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SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

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Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

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(a) **CDRRMO** - City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office;

(b) **SCPO** - Surigao City Police Office;

(c) **CSWDO** - City Welfare and Social Development Office;

(d) **Disaster** refers to a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources;

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- (e) **Emergency** refers to an unforeseen or sudden occurrence, especially danger, demanding immediate action; and
- (f) **Response** refers to any concerted effort by two (2) or more agencies, public or private, to provide assistance or intervention during or immediately after a disaster to meet the life preservation and basic subsistence needs of those people affected and in the restoration of essential public activities and facilities

Section 4. DESIGNATED NUMBER. The number "911" shall be the designated number for all emergency, medical, calamity, disaster, peace and order concerns. The City Government of Surigao shall procure and/or purchase the necessary technology, equipment, hardware, resources and facilities for the commencement and operation of this ordinance.

Section 5. EMERGENCY SYSTEM. There shall be an Emergency and Medical Response Center (EMRC) to be established in an office to be designated by the CDRRMO. The EMRC shall be the only agency that will answer all emergency calls from the "911 number" and shall dispatch the needed response team by coordinating to the respective volunteer or government agency that is near the area of incidence, calamity or disaster.

Section 6. ON-SCENE FIRST RESPONDERS. Private volunteers who are first on-scene during crisis/emergency can help the victims right away however they will need to coordinate to the CDRRMO or 911 systems for proper documentation and to avoid response redundancy.

Section 7. DATABASE. The EMRC shall have a digital database that will store every important information in every distress call such as and not limited to the number of the caller, the name of the caller, nature of incident, the names of the responders and the date and time of the Incident. The information will be stored for five years and can only be disclosed if by a court order in compliance to Republic Act 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Section 8. BARANGAY COORDINATION. All Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council members shall have a close coordination with EMRC and must also encourage its constituents to make use of the 911 number in cases of emergency, calamity, disaster, peace and order concerns.

Section 9. INFORMATION DRIVE. The Surigao City Public Information Office shall promote the "911 number" and EMRC through all social and mass media agencies especially to the Surigao City website and

Surigao City Government controlled social media pages. The volunteer emergency response teams are also urged to promote the same to their respective reach. All Punong Barangays are also enjoined to promote the same to their respective communities.

Section 10. ACCREDITATION OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. All Punong Barangays are required to have all their community volunteers for emergency response be accredited by the CDRRMO The guidelines for such accreditation should be set forth by the CDRRMO.

Section 11. Emergency 911 Committee. There shall be an Emergency 911 Committee that shall be established for the implementation of this ordinance and continuous updating of the national emergency and disaster response guidelines. The Committee will be composed of the following:

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| Chairman | - | City Mayor |
| Vice Chairman | - | City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer |
| Members | - | SP Chairperson, Committee on Public Order and Safety |

621 SP Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation
622 City Director, Surigao City Police Office
623 Fire Chief, Bureau of Fire Protection - Surigao City Chief,
624 Surigao City Coast Guard President, Liga ng mga Barangay
625 Three (3) Representatives from private volunteers

626 The TWG shall meet at least once every three months or if required by the Chairman.

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628 **Section 12. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EMERGENCY 911**
629 **COMMITTEE.** The Emergency 911 Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

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631 (a) Oversee the implementation of this ordinance;
632 (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, and strategic objectives for the purpose
633 of prioritizing on-scene disaster response operations;
634 (c) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the
635 enforcement and implementation of this ordinance; and
636 (d) Issue orders, rules and regulations for the demobilization of disaster-related
637 resources and logistical requirements.
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639 **Section 13. BUDGET.** The budget for the implementation of this ordinance will be taken
640 from the CDRRMO Funds and Other General Funds in order to defray all the necessary expenses it
641 may incur relative to its enactment.
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643 **Section 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part of this ordinance is declared as
644 unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof
645 that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional
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647 **Section 15. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance
648 shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly
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650 **Section 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its
651 approval
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654 Enacted on May 23, 2024
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656 **SPONSORED BY: HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI**
657 Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation
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659 **HON. JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO**
660 Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Safety
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665 **PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH**

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671 **OTHER MATTERS**

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There being no other matters discussed, the 19th Regular Session was adjourned at 2:36 o'clock in the afternoon of May 23, 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:

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA/ SP SECRETARY:

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

Thank you for the work we have accomplished in today's session with humility and finding fulfillment in what we have done. As we move forward, may we honor our commitments with unwavering dedication and integrity. We trust in Your plan for us, and with your blessings, we shall prosper.

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

APPROVED, this 29th day of May 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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Sanggunian Secretary

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ATTESTED BY:

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City Councilor
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