

Republic of the Philippines  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE  
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON JUNE 13, 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. 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 -ABC President
- Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura -SK Federated President

**ABSENT:**

- Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra -City Vice Mayor (Acting City Mayor)
- Hon. Cacel R. Azarcon -City Councilor (On Leave)

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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of June 13, 2024.

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:**

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

Dear Lord, guide our words and actions in this session.  
May our discussions be productive, our decisions wise, and  
our interactions filled with respect and understanding.  
Bless us with unity and clarity as we work towards our  
common goals. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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**ROLL CALL**

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

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**PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

Thereafter, Honorable Joel E. Tinio was recognized and presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, jointly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on June 6, 2024, re: Resolution Nos. 128-133 be as it is hereby approved.

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**MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

None

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

On motion of Honorable Joel E. Tinio, jointly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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**RESOLVED,** to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 13 June 2024 as prepared and presented.

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**FIRST READING:**

- Proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 351, Series of 2012, An Ordinance Establishing the Night Market at the Surigao City Boulevard, Lopez Jaena, and Borromeo Corner Magallanes up to the Corner of Parrucho Street of the City of Surigao, Providing Guidelines Therefor and For Other Purposes." (By: Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise)
- Proposed ordinance "An Ordinance Fixing the Prices of Lands at City Housing and Resettlement Projects and For Other Purposes." (By: Committee on Urban Development and Land Use)

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- City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2024, "Realigning the 2022 and 2023 Programs, Projects and Activities Balances / Un-utilized from Trust Fund to Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) for 2024 and Inclusion of which to 2024 Annual Investment Plan (AIP) (By: Committee on Appropriations)

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**REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:**

*A. Committee on Appropriations —*

- Letter from City Budget Office, submitting the Annual Budget for CY 2024 of Barangay Danawan, this city

*B. Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure —*

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority for the Construction of Surigao City Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Honorable Aldonza was recognized.

**HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:**

*Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and to my colleagues. My committee report pertains to the request of our City Mayor to this council authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office Region XIII, Butuan City for the implementation of Supplementary Feeding Program (SPF) for CY 2024.*

**FINDINGS/FACTS:**

*As I reviewed, this program concerns the DSWD 14th Cycle Implementation of Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) for our enrolled children in 54 Barangays of the city. It will provide additional meals to children who may not have access to adequate food at home and addressing malnutrition, promoting healthy growth and development of the city.*

*My recommendation, Mr. Chairman, may I move, Mr. Chairman for the adoption of my committee report.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 136 – 2024**

**A RESOLUTION IN AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF**

172 **AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO**  
 173 **CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DSWD) FIELD OFFICE**  
 174 **XIII, BUTUAN CITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY**  
 175 **FEEDING PROGRAM (SPF) FOR CY 2024.**  
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177 **WHEREAS**, the Sanngguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City  
 178 Mayor requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing for him to enter into a  
 179 Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field  
 180 Office XIII, Butuan City, for the implementation of Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) for CY  
 181 2024;

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 183 **WHEREAS**, most recent data from the Expanded Convention Survey conducted by the Food  
 184 and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST)  
 185 revealed that the alleviation of undernutrition in children and other vulnerable age groups still needs  
 186 greater collective effort;

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 188 **WHEREAS**, the 2021 of the Family Income and Expenditure Surveys (FIES) of the Philippine  
 189 Statistics Authority is the first major survey of household income and expenditure following the on-  
 190 set of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the latest report, in 2021, expenditure of food remained  
 191 to have biggest share in total expenditure of Filipino families;

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 194 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, in its mandate to provide  
 195 social welfare and development programs particularly through technical assistance and resource  
 196 augmentation, is providing nutrition services to its clients at the local level through the center-based  
 197 and community-based services in partnership with Non-Government Organizations under the  
 198 Program Management Bureau, such as the Food for School and Healthy Start Feeding Program in  
 199 day care centers which were previously implemented nutrition programs of the Department;

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 201 **WHEREAS**, malnutrition among children is a problem that needs to be addressed by the  
 202 government, children are at risk of malnutrition should also be given equal consideration to prevent  
 203 them from becoming malnourished;

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

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 208 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution in authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L.  
 209 Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Local Government of  
 210 Surigao City and the Department of Social Welfare (DSWD) Field Office XIII, Butuan City for the  
 211 implementation of supplementary Feeding Program (SPF) for CY 2024.

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 213 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
 214 Mayor, and City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), for their information.

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 218 Honorable Casurra was recognized.

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

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 222 *Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon to the august body. The Committee Report on Public*  
 223 *Works and Infrastructure, dated June 11, 2024.*

224 **SUBJECT:**

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226 *Adoption and approval of the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 05, Series of*  
 227 *2024, entitled Approving and Endorsing the Proposed Master Plan for the Fish Port with Refrigeration*  
 228 *Facilities at Barangay Washington.*

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230 **FACTS/FINDINGS:**

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232 *Last April 24, 2024 the City Development Council (CDC) of Surigao City passed City*  
 233 *Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 05, series of 2024 entitled "A resolution Approving and*  
 234 *endorsing the Proposed Master Plan for the Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities at Barangay*  
 235 *Washington" and this was endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the adoption and*  
 236 *approval of the said resolution. The City Development Council's resolution aligns with the national*  
 237 *program on agricultural infrastructure for food security and productivity and the city's strategic growth*  
 238 *in economy and development. Providing substantial benefits to the local economy and improving the*  
 239 *livelihood of local fishermen and traders. The proposed Master Plan for the construction of a fish port*  
 240 *with refrigeration facilities at Barangay Washington came from the Philippine Fisheries Development*  
 241 *Authority. The project is funded by the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA).*

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243 *During the committee hearings, it was emphasized that the proposed Master Plan must take*  
 244 *into consideration the practicality and appropriateness of the requirements set upon the Local*  
 245 *Government Unit (LGU) of Surigao so that it will not cause delays to avail the project from the PFDA*  
 246 *and secure other government permits.*

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248 *Moreover, the LGU has already completed to date the relocation of the informal settlers*  
 249 *affected by the project to which they have been each given a lot at Sitio Bioborjan, Barangay Rizal*  
 250 *and financial assistance of ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00).*

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252 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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254 *The Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure finds the proposed Master Plan for the*  
 255 *fish port with refrigeration facilities at Barangay Washington to be a valuable and strategic*  
 256 *development for Surigao City. The Committee recommends the immediate adoption and approval*  
 257 *of the CDC's Resolution No. 05, Series of 2024, "A resolution Approving and endorsing the Proposed*  
 258 *Master Plan for the Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities at Barangay Washington" with emphases*  
 259 *that the Proposed Master Plan considers the practicality and appropriateness of the requirements*  
 260 *set upon the LGU of Surigao. This measure is crucial to prevent delays in the project's grants and*  
 261 *implementation.*

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263 *Mr. Chair, with the reading of my committee report, I move for the adoption of my committee*  
 264 *report.*

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266 *The motion to adopt the committee report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was*  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 137 – 2024**

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**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution Adopting and Approving City Development

280 Council (CDC) Resolution No. 05, series of 2024, entitled, "A Resolution Approving and Endorsing  
281 the Proposed Master Plan for the Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities at Barangay Washington.",

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283 **WHEREAS**, the City Development Council's resolution is in alignment with the national  
284 program on agricultural infrastructure for food security and productivity, and supports the city's  
285 strategic growth in economy and development;

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287 **WHEREAS**, the proposed project is anticipated to provide substantial benefits to the local  
288 economy, improving the livelihood of local fishermen and traders;

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290 **WHEREAS**, the Proposed Master Plan for the construction of a fish port with refrigeration  
291 facilities at Barangay Washington was initiated and funded by the Philippine Fisheries Development  
292 Authority (PFDA);

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294 **WHEREAS**, during committee hearing, it was emphasized that the Master Plan must  
295 consider the practicality and appropriateness of the requirements set upon the Local Government  
296 Unit of Surigao to avoid delays in availing the project from the PFDA and in securing other necessary  
297 government permits;

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299 **WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit of Surigao has successfully completed the  
300 relocation of informal settlers affected by the project, providing them with lot at Sitio Bioborjan,  
301 Barangay Rizal, along with financial assistance amounting to Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) per  
302 family;

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

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307 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution approving and adopting the City Development Council  
308 (CDC) Resolution No. 05, Series of 2024, "A resolution Approving and endorsing the Proposed  
309 Master Plan for the Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities at Barangay Washington."

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311 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
312 Mayor and City Development Council, for their information.

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317 Honorable Bayana was recognized.

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

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321 *Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon to my colleagues.*

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323 **Subject of the Report:** *City Development Council Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024: A*  
324 *Resolution Approving and Endorsing Supplemental Annual Investment Program No. 1 for Calendar*  
325 *Year 2024*

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327 **Facts:** *The Committee on Appropriations finds the CDC Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024,*  
328 *dated April 24, 2024 to be reasonable and in accordance with law.*

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330 **Recommendation:** *It is, therefore, recommended by the Committee on Appropriations that*  
331 *City Development Council Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024, entitled, A Resolution Approving and*

332 *Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program No. 1 for Calendar Year 2024 be approved*  
333 *by this honorable body.*

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335 *May I move, Mr. Chairman for the adoption of the committee report.*

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338 presented and approved, to wit:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 138 – 2024**

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**WHEREAS**, the Sanngguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, endorsing to the City Council the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2024, dated April 24, 2024 "A Resolution Approving and Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 1 for CY 2024", for review, approval and adoption;

**WHEREAS**, there were additional investment requirements identified by the various city barangays and line offices of the City Government, and proposed other projects to be funded under the General Fund, the 20% Development Fund and National/External Fund;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Appropriations finds City Development Council Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024, dated April 24, 2024, to be reasonable and in accordance with law;

**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 affirming and approving the City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2024, "A Resolution Approving and Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 1 for CY 2024."

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and City Development Council, for their information.

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Honorable Bayana continued.

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

*My next committee report, Mr. Chairman, is that the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use.*

**Subject of the Report:** *City Housing Board Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024, Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024, and Resolution No. 10, Series of 2024*

**Facts:** *Under Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024, a couple was denied the status of a legitimate beneficiary of the city housing project because due to their ownership of a parcel of land located in the Municipality of Dapa, while in Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024, a person affected by*

386 *the construction of the Gonzales Street Bridge, located in Barangay Washington, was disqualified as*  
 387 *a beneficiary of the city housing project due to ownership of a parcel of land located in Barangay*  
 388 *Rizal, Surigao City, as well as the fact that she will not qualify as an indigent because she is receiving*  
 389 *a retirement pension. In Resolution No. 10, Series of 2024, a person affected by the construction of*  
 390 *the flood control project along Kinabutan River, Purok Kalipayan, Villa Corito, Barangay Washington,*  
 391 *which is a project of the Department of Public Works and Highways, was likewise denied the status*  
 392 *of beneficiary of the city housing project due to the fact that he has sufficient income as an organic*  
 393 *employee of the Department of Education.*

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395 **Recommendation:** *The Committee on Urban Development and Land Use recommends the*  
 396 *adoption of the findings of the City Housing Board embodied in Resolution No. 6, 9, 10, all Series of*  
 397 *2024.*

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399 *May I move for the adoption of the committee report, Mr. Chairman.*

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

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 139 – 2024

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CITY HOUSING BOARD  
 AS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 6, SERIES OF 2024; RESOLUTION NO. 9,  
 SERIES OF 2024; AND RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES OF 2024.**

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410 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City  
 411 Mayor, requesting to the City Council to pass a resolution Adopting and Approving the City Housing  
 412 Board Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024, Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024, and Resolution No. 10,  
 413 Series of 2024;

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415 **WHEREAS**, under Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024, a couple was denied the status of  
 416 legitimate beneficiaries of the city housing project due to ownership of a parcel of land located in the  
 417 Municipality of Dapa;

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419 **WHEREAS**, under Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024, a person affected by the construction  
 420 of the Gonzales Bridge, located in Barangay Washington, was disqualified as a beneficiary of the  
 421 city housing project due to ownership of a parcel of land located in Barangay Rizal, Surigao City, and  
 422 because she does not qualify as an indigent due to receiving a retirement pension;

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424 **WHEREAS**, under Resolution No. 10, Series of 2024, a person affected by the construction  
 425 of the flood control project along Kinabutan River, Purok Kalipayan, Villa Corito, Barangay  
 426 Washington, a project of the Department of Public Works and Highways, was likewise denied the  
 427 status of beneficiary of the city housing project due to having sufficient income as an organic  
 428 employee of the Department of Education;

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430 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use recommends the  
 431 adoption of the findings of the City Housing Board embodied in Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024;  
 432 Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024; and Resolution No. 10, Series of 2024;

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

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437 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution adopting the findings of the City Housing Board as  
 438 contained in Resolution No. 6, Series of 2024; Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024; and Resolution No.  
 439 10, Series of 2024.

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441 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
 442 Mayor and City Development Council, for their information.

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

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*Next, committee report, Mr. Chairman is that of the Committee on Appropriations.*

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**Subject of the Report:** *The Ordinances Containing the Annual Budget for CY 2024 of  
 Barangay Lipata and Barangay Quezon.*

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**Facts:** *All the annual budgets of Barangay Lipata and Barangay Quezon have been  
 favorably endorsed by the Local Finance Committee, subject to the usual statutory limitations.*

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*It is therefore recommended by the Committee on Appropriations that the ordinances,  
 containing the Annual Budgets for Barangay Lipata and Barangay Quezon be approved.*

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

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 presented and approved, to wit:

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 140 – 2024

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#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BARANGAY ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR CY 2024 OF BARANGAYS LIPATA AND QUEZON, ALL OF THIS CITY.

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**WHEREAS,** endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod are the Barangay Annual Budgets  
 for CY 2024 of Barangays Lipata and Quezon, all of this city, for the conduct of a review process;

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**WHEREAS,** the annual budgets of the enumerated barangays were favorably endorsed by  
 the Local Finance Committee subject to the usual statutory limitations provided under the Local  
 Government Code, as well as, other rules;

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**NOW THEREFORE,** on motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded by  
 Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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**RESOLVED:** To pass a Resolution Approving the Ordinances containing the Barangay  
 Annual Budgets for CY 2024 of the following barangays, to wit:

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1. *Annual Budget of Barangay Lipata in the amount of ₱ 10,446,845.00; and*

2. *Annual Budget of Barangay Quezon in the amount of ₱ 8,052,654.00;*

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

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**HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

*Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues. Committee report on Committee on Trade, Industry, Business and Economic Enterprises.*

**SUBJECT:**

*REINDORSEMENT FROM THE CITY MAYOR, REQUEST OF LUCKY FORTUNE GAMING CORPORATION (LFGC) UNDER THE LICENSE OF TRIPLE DIAMOND GAMING, INC. REQUESTING FOR A RESOLUTION OF NO OBJECTION (RONO) FOR THE SET-UP AND OPERATION OF BETTING STATIONS OR GAMING SITES FOR SPECIALTY GAMES WITHIN THE CITY OF SURIGAO.*

**FACTS / FINDINGS:**

*A letter of intent, along with essential documents, including the sales agent agreement between Triple Diamond Gaming Corporation, SEC Registration, BIR Certificate of Registration, and PAGCOR Certificate of Accreditation, was submitted to the City Mayor's office by Mr. Damasus Wong. The purpose of the submission was to seek a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for establishing and operating betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the jurisdiction Surigao city. Subsequently, the request was forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for further consideration. Upon careful examination of the request, this committee finds that the request pertains solely to obtaining a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) from the Sangguniang Panlungsod, allowing lucky fortune gaming corporation to establish and manage betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the city of Surigao. it is important to note that this request does not encompass a petition for a grant to operate within the city of Surigao, as such authority falls exclusively within the purview of Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation plans to introduce specialty games, which are designed to provide entertainment and recreational options for the residents and visitors of Surigao. Allowing Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation (LFGC) to set-up and operate provides certain benefits such as economic benefit and employment opportunities. The Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise recommends the passage of a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) of Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation (LFGC) for the set-up and operation of betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the City of Surigao.*

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

The motion to adopt the committee report was approved while Honorable Bayana abstained from voting for the approval of the committee report. Thereafter, a motion was presented which was favorably approved.

During the discussion, the list of attendees during the public hearing with regard the set-up and operation of the betting stations was presented wherein Honorable Bayana remarked that the invited guests should have not been limited to the nearest schools and places of worships as this involves the entire Surigao City.

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

548            *Among the requirements, it is not what is under the rules of PAGCOR Mr. Chairman. This is*  
 549 *not whether or not the churches or schools near the operating site will not object to the operation. It*  
 550 *is not. What is stated in the rules of PAGCOR is that the distance of these schools, and there is no*  
 551 *statement whether or not they would agree to the operations or not, is not less than 200 meters from*  
 552 *the place of operation. To be exact, it should not be less than 200 meters from schools and places*  
 553 *of worship as certified by a geodetic engineer. Now my question is, do we have a certification from*  
 554 *a geodetic engineer that the place of operation is not less than 200 meters from schools and places*  
 555 *of worship?*

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557 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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

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

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574 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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576            *Waya ga jud, waya waya ko kita jaon.*

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

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580            *Okay. Was the Roman Catholic Church also invited during the... were representatives of*  
 581 *the Roman Catholic Church, the religious organizations invited during the public hearing?*

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583 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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585            *Only kuan. Si kuan ra, Kagawad si Mr. Binayon, jaoy may church diha sa may tulay bitaw.*

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

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589            *The other churches and religious organizations, they were not invited?*

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591 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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593            *Waya na. Ang amo tag siguro jaon suod ra sa kuan kay actually jaon sila during our*  
 594 *discussion, ang ila ga jud concern ang buyangan ra. Na mohangyo sila na jaon kuno Sunday inig*  
 595 *masyada na kuno, moabot sa ila makigdungan sa Pastor kuno jaon siyete dyes sanan kuan. Waya*  
 596 *na sila sa concern nan jaon, amo man tagpasabot sila nan unoy himuon ng Bingo kay ang Bingo*  
 597 *betting ra man jaon. Kibali musuyod raka didto mopalit kaw, ah mogawas kaw, adto nay imo jaoy*  
 598 *imo cellphone mo online kaw sa ila. Pero an ila ga jud tag kuan an number one concern gajud nila*  
 599 *na kun mahimo jaon buyangan, panahon sa jaon mag mag masyar na, na ma kontrolar. Na waya*  
 600 *man sad ko maglaong na.....*

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

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604 *At any rate Mr. Chairman, it would appear that the rules of the PAGCOR has not been complied*  
 605 *with Mr. Chairman. That is in so far as I am concern.*

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 607 Honorable Geli was recognized.

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

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 611 *Good afternoon, everyone. May I ask the proponent, during his committee report earlier, he*  
 612 *mentioned that this gaming site will provide many benefits to the city and its constituents. May I ask*  
 613 *the proponent what specific benefits this will render to our city when we will be... if ever this will be*  
 614 *passed?*

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 616 **HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:**

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 618 *Actually Mr. Chair, ah Mr. Kagawad Geli. Ah jaon taglaong kuno benipisyo, amo ra gihapon*  
 619 *sa negosyo na jaun mukuha kaw nan business permit, tapos inin. Jaon na negosyo 'di man ga jud*  
 620 *kun molaong ta amoy dinagko jaon kay kun ato i-refer jaon sa kuan, e-tande nato jaon sa swetres*  
 621 *kuman, lajo ra jaon. Kibali jaon sija, ya gajud ton mahibayo ang tanan tao na kun uno jaon na klasi*  
 622 *nga kuan. Ang importante jaon nakakuha kita nang inin ah gamay ngadto sa ila na riwadrigal jaon*  
 623 *ila pasugalan*

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 625 Honorable Geli added that the set-up and operation of this betting stations is not merely an  
 626 ordinary business but rather involves gambling and while there are benefits, there are also  
 627 disadvantages to the city especially to the younger generation considering that it is to be set-up near  
 628 schools and places of worship. Moreover, as per PAGCOR's Gaming Site Regulatory Manual,  
 629 gaming site must comply with distance requirements of not less 300 meters from schools, places of  
 630 worship, cockpits, horse-racing outlets, public markets, informal settlers, and resettlement areas.

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 632 **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the BPLO Head to join the discussion.

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 634 **ATTY. DAHLIA PERRA -DELA ROSA-LO 1V/BPLO:**

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 636 *Good afternoon to the rest of the Councilors present. As with regards to the site location*  
 637 *distance requirement, actually this has not been addressed with regards to the other location aside*  
 638 *from the schools, place of worship. Actually, the cockpit is already present near the area or location*  
 639 *of the... So, we actually have not checked as to the validity of this regulations. So, maybe we will*  
 640 *have to, maybe we may defer this to another setting siguro na lang, para we can check on the, or*  
 641 *we can review or re-visit this regulation.*

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 643 **HON. SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 645 *So, there's a suggestion.*

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 647 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:**

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 649 *Mr. Chairman please?*

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 651 **HON. SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 653 *Go ahead, Attorney.*

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 655 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE JR.:**

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 657 *If I may. This Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation is the business of this Lucky Fortune*  
 658 *Gaming Corporation is a game of chance and the for the record it is not illegal per se. In fact, they*  
 659 *have been issued the certificates by SEC, by PAGCOR, and the other government agencies. So*

660 *amo ra, it is not illegal per se, unlike at least dinhi jaoy ato mokita na nag-apply nang business permit.*  
 661 *Unlike those other gamblings na way gajuy ato makuha na benefit. Diba?*

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There being no more queries to the guest speaker, she was excused and the **RULES ARE REINSTATED**. Thereafter, the proponent reiterated his motion for the passage for a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) of Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation (LFGC) for the set-up and operation of betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the City of Surigao.

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**6 who voted in favor, and  
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the passage of a Resolution of No Objection (RONO). Considering the votes, the motion was approved, to wit:

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**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a reindorsement from the City Mayor, regarding the request of Lucky Fortune Bingo Gaming Corporation (LFBGC) under the license of Triple Diamond Gaming Inc., for a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for the setup and operation of betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the City of Surigao, with attached documents;

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**WHEREAS**, a letter of intent along with essential documents, including the sales agent agreement between Triple Diamond Gaming Corporation, SEC Registration, BIR Certificate of Registration, and PAGCOR Certificate of Accreditation, was submitted to the City Mayor's office by Mr. Damasus Wong to seek a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) for establishing and operating betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the jurisdiction of Surigao City;

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**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Trade, Business, Industry And Economic Enterprise finds that the request pertains solely to obtaining a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) from the Sangguniang Panlungsod, allowing Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation to establish and manage betting stations or gaming sites for specialty games within the city of Surigao;

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**WHEREAS**, it is important to note that this request does not encompass a petition for a franchise grant to operate within the city of Surigao, as such authority falls exclusively within the purview of the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR);

**WHEREAS**, Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation plans to introduce specialty games, which are designed to provide entertainment and recreational options for the residents and visitors of Surigao;

711           **WHEREAS**, allowing Lucky Fortune Gaming Corporation (LFGC) to set up and operate  
 712 these betting stations or gaming sites provides certain benefits such as economic benefits and  
 713 employment opportunities;

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715           **WHEREAS**, during the deliberation on the proposed resolution, there was an objection  
 716 raised due to non-compliance with the PAGCOR Gaming Site Regulatory Manual, Site Location  
 717 Requirements Section 2, which specifies site location distance requirements, including a minimum  
 718 distance of not less than three hundred (300) meters from schools, places of worship, cockpits,  
 719 horse-racing outlets, public markets, informal settlers, and resettlement areas;

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721           **WHEREAS**, this objection led to a division of the house, resulting in a vote, to wit:

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723           Voted in favor:

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- 725           1.       Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza
- 726           2.       Hon. Baltazar C. Abian
- 727           3.       Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr.
- 728           4.       Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra
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- 730           6.       Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura

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732           Voted against:

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- 734           1.       Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli
- 735           2.       Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana
- 736           3.       Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco
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739           **The foregoing resolution is hereby approved with Six (6) affirmative votes.**

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741           **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Baltzar C. Abian, seconded by Honorable Karl  
 742 Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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744           **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution for the setup and operation of betting stations or gaming  
 745 sites for specialty games of Lucky Fortune Bingo Gaming Corporation (LFBGC) under the license of  
 746 Triple Diamond Gaming Inc. within the City of Surigao.

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748           **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
 749 Mayor and Lucky Fortune Bingo Gaming Corporation (LFBGC), for their information.

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## 754           **1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**

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

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758           *Mr. Chairman calendar of business, formerly I'm referring to the City Disaster Risk Reduction*  
 759 *Management Council Resolution No. 1, Series 2024. Originally, this was indorsed to this august body*  
 760 *labeled as URGENT. The resolution essentially seeks to realign funds allocated for*  
 761 *projects and activities for calendar year 2022 and 2023, in the amount of Twelve Million Five Hundred*

762 Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-two and Seventy-nine centavos ( ₱12, 507.972. 79) to other  
 763 programs projects and activities for the current year. The amount is sought to be realigned to the  
 764 following;

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- 766 - Payment Repeater Systems to all Barangays ----- 1,600,000.00
- 767 - Payment for One (1) unit 150HP Outboard
- 768 Motor for PNP Patrol Boat ----- 1,200,000.00
- 769 - Payment for One (1) unit 200HP Outboard
- 770 Motor for CHO Sea Ambulance ----- 1,500,000.00
- 771 - Payment for PPE for Garbage Collector ----- 500,000.00
- 772 - Payment for repair of Two (2) units 250KVA ----- 1,000,000.00
- 773 Standby Generator
- 774 - Additional Payment for Water Drilling Machine ----- 500,000.00
- 775 - Payment for Other Maintenance and Other ----- 1,207,972.79
- 776 Operating Expenses
- 777 - Rehabilitation of Barangay Facilities in ----- 5,000,000.00
- 778 Barangay Serna, Surigao City
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780 Since this originally indorsed as URGENT Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Appropriation  
 781 would like to take this up instead of taking it up last session it will be taken up during this session, in  
 782 this session Mr. Chairman.

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 784 May I move that the corresponding ordinance be taken up on first reading, Mr. Chairman.

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 786 The motion to take up the matter in first reading was approved. Thereafter, a motion was  
 787 presented to take up the same in the second reading which was favorably seconded and approved.  
 788 The proponent then moved for the **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.**

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 790 On motion of Honorable Jose Expeditus B. Bayana, seconded Honorable Joseph Joey S.  
 791 Yuipco, it was unanimously

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

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 796 **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 05**  
 797 **Series of 2024**

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 799 **AN ORDINANCE REALIGNING THE SUM OF ₱12,507,972.79 FROM THE UNUTILIZED FUNDS**  
 800 **OF THE 2022 & 2023 PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY**  
 801 **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SURIGAO CITY TO BE MADE**  
 802 **AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER APPROPRIATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

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 807 **SECTION 1. REALIGNMENT OF FUNDS.** – The sum ₱12,507,972.79 from the Unutilized  
 808 Funds of the 2022 & 2023 Programs, Projects and Activities of the City Disaster Risk Reduction  
 809 Management Office, Surigao City is hereby realigned to be made available for further appropriation.

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 811 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** – The sum of ₱12,507,972.79 from the preceding section is  
 812 hereby appropriated and be made available for the following:

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- 815 1. Payment Repeater Systems to all Barangays ₱ 1,600,000.00
- 816 2. Payment for One (i) unit 150HP Outboard
- 817 Motor for PNP Patrol Boat 1,200,000.00
- 818 3. Payment for One (1) unit 200HP Outboard

819	Motor for CHO Sea Ambulance	1,500,000.00
820	4. Payment for PPE for Garbage Collector	500,000.00
821	5. Payment for repair of Two (2) units 250KVA	1,000,000.00
822	Standby Generator	
823	6. Additional Payment for Water Drilling Machine	500,000.00
824	7. Payment for Other Maintenance and Other	1,207,972.79
825	Operating Expenses	
826	8. Rehabilitation of Barangay Facilities in	
827	Barangay Serna, Surigao City	<u>5,000,000.00</u>
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829	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>₱12,507,972.79</b>

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

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835 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.** – This appropriation ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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837 Enacted on June 13, 2024.

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**RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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**A. Pending Matters:**

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**B. Urgent Matters:**

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- *Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority for the Construction of Surigao City Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities. (By: Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure)*

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**RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource persons to join the discussion with regard  
857 the urgent matter. Since there was a confusion as to what committee is handling the same, Honorable  
858 Bayana requested for a **RECESS**. Thereafter, the session **RESUMED**.

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

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*Mr. Chairman, please. I was of the mistaken belief that this matter was also indorsed to one  
863 of my committees, Mr. Chairman. As it turns out, it was only indorsed to the committee of the  
864 Honorable Casurra. So, I would like to withdraw my earlier statements, Mr. Chairman. And yield the  
865 floor to the Honorable Casurra.*

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

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*Okay, Mr. Chair, may I have the floor. Thank you, Mr. Chair.*

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*So, we have here the Memorandum of Agreement as forwarded to the Sangguniang  
872 Panlungsod denominated as Urgent, asking for a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into  
873 a Memorandum of Agreement with the PFDA. So, the Memorandum of Agreement is being flashed  
874 in the screen, and now, so...Mr. Chair, upon the review of the Memorandum of Agreement, it clearly  
875 defines the duties and responsibilities of the PFDA and LGU-Surigao City.*



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877 *Now, in addition, may we go to Article 3, the duties and responsibilities, Paragraph A,*  
 878 *Paragraph 2 or No. 2, conduct site inspection regularly to ensure that the construction of the project*  
 879 *is completed (blank) calendar days from commencement thereof, except in instances of force*  
 880 *majeure or any cause of delay without the fault PFDA or any of its agent. May I state for an*  
 881 *amendment or possible inclusion that the number of calendar days for completion of the project must*  
 882 *be stated, and that it has to be in accordance with Republic Act No. 9184, or the Procurement Law,*  
 883 *and must follow the standard set by law. Because, the MOA being sent to us by the PFDA did not*  
 884 *make any specific number of calendar days from the commencement thereof, as to the signing of*  
 885 *the Memorandum of Agreement or from the start of the project that it was being bid out.*

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887 *And my second...No. 2, remove the term "municipal" in Article 3, letter B, paragraph 1. Okay,*  
 888 *it has been removed already. With this Memorandum of Agreement, consider the following*  
 889 *amendments, as we reviewed it last Tuesday, it is a regular Memorandum of Agreement sent to us*  
 890 *by the PFDA, so are there any questions or suggestions of the august body for the inclusion before*  
 891 *we move for this resolution to give the Honorable City Mayor the authority to sign this Memorandum*  
 892 *of Agreement with PFDA.*

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894 There being no more discussion, the resource persons were excused and **RULES ARE**  
 895 **REINSTATED.**

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897 The proponent presented a motion for the passage of a resolution authorizing the City  
 898 Mayor, Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II, to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippine  
 899 Fisheries Development Authority for Construction of Surigao City Fish Port with Refrigeration  
 900 Facilities which was favorably seconded and approved, to wit;

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 143 – 2024

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**WHEREAS**, the Sanngguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a reindorsement from the City  
 Mayor, requesting the City Council to authorize him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement  
 (MOA) with the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority for the Construction of Surigao City Fish  
 Port with Refrigeration Facilities;

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**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Government to promote the development of the fishing  
 industry and improve efficiency in the handling, preserving, marketing, and distribution of fish and  
 fishery or aquatic products through the establishment of fish ports and markets;

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**WHEREAS**, under Presidential Decree No. 977 as amended by Executive Order No. 772,  
 s. 1982, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) is authorized to prepare, adopt, and  
 implement specifications for structures related to the fishing industry as may be necessary and useful  
 in the pursuance of the PFDA's mandate and the conduct of its business;

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**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit of Surigao City (LGU-Surigao City), recognizing the  
 need for fishery post-harvest facilities to service its vast marine resources, seeks the construction of  
 Surigao City Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT"), and  
 the PFDA has offered to undertake the construction of the PROJECT;

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed prior to this  
 AGREEMENT, the creation of a Technical Working Group in the respective offices of the Parties was

928 agreed upon for purposes of discussing and negotiating terms and institutional arrangements with  
929 respect to the PROJECT;

930 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, seconded by  
931 Honorable Baltzar C. Abian, it was unanimously

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933 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L.  
934 Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Fisheries  
935 Development Authority for the Construction of Surigao City Fish Port with Refrigeration Facilities.

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937 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City  
938 Mayor, City Legal Office, City Environment and Natural Resources and City Planning and  
939 Development Office, for their information.

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944 **C. Business of the Day**

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946 **Second Reading:**

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- Proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance Establishing the Surigao City Teen Center and Teen Desk in the 54 Barangays of Surigao City and Providing Funds Thereof." (By: Committee on Social Welfare/Committee on Youth and Sports Development.)

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954 Honorable Aldonza was recognized and the **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the  
955 resource persons to join the discussion. Thereafter, Atty. Buniel read the proposed amendments on  
956 the Proposed Ordinance as noted during the last regular session.

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958 There being no more queries, the resource persons were excuse and **RULES ARE**  
959 **REINSTATED.**

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961 A motion was presented to approve the matter on second reading which was favorable  
962 seconded and approved. The proponent then moved for the **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES** to  
963 approved the same in third and final reading.

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965 On motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, seconded Honorable Jenelyn Edulzura, it was  
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967 **RESOLVED:** That the following Ordinance, be as it is hereby enacted, to wit:

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969 **ORDINANCE NO. 515**  
970 **SERIES OF 2024**

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974 **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO CITY TEEN CENTER AND**  
975 **TEEN DESK IN THE 54 BARANGAYS OF SURIGAO CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS**  
976 **THEREOF.**

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978 **WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states, "The State  
979 recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their  
980 physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism  
and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

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**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a teen center and teen desks within the City of Surigao can provide opportunity for young people to talk about various issues and concerns affecting them, receive counseling, and develop life skills necessary in managing their lives responsibly. As a teen-friendly center, young people can also hang out and play games, listen to music, watch movies or simply talk with each other;

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**WHEREAS**, such facilities can become a vital instrument for the literacy and formation of youth in the City of Surigao;

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**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Joenil Aldonza and unanimously seconded, the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Surigao in Session hereby ordains and decrees:

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**Section 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Surigao City Teen Center and Barangay Teen Desk Ordinance."

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**Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this ordinance, the following shall be defined as follows:

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a) *Teen* - shall refer to a person between the ages ten (10) to nineteen (19) years old;

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b) *Surigao City Teen Center* - shall refer to a facility created under this ordinance which shall be the venue for all activities and youth-related interventions for teenagers in the City of Surigao;

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c) *Teen Desk* - shall refer to a facility that endeavors to tackle teen-related issues and/or encourages their participation in every youth-related activities. It shall be placed or established within the premises of the Barangay Hall of each concerned Barangay; and

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d) *Surigao City Teen Center Council* - a regulatory and policy-making body created under this ordinance.

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**Section 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SURIGAO CITY TEEN CENTER.** It is hereby established a center called "The Surigao City Teen Center" which shall be primarily under the care and management of the City Social Welfare and Development Office. It shall serve as the venue for all activities and interventions aimed at promoting teen welfare and youth development in the City of Surigao.

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**Section 4. FUNCTIONS.** The Surigao City Teen Center shall perform the following

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1. *Engage the teens in adolescent-led initiatives and inform them of new opportunities to develop their God-given gifts, interests, and skills;*

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2. *Identify teen needs and wants by interacting with them and allowing them to interact with one another in a guided and controlled environment;*

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3. *Make appropriate referrals for information, education, medical, and clinical, and counseling, employment, social protection schemes and programs or recreational activities based on identified individual or group needs and vulnerabilities;*

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4. *Provide training workshops or seminars on sexually-transmitted infections (STIs) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/ acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) testing and teen pregnancy prevention, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, personal hygiene, mental health development, and other reproductive health management;*

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5. *Assist adolescents in formulating and realizing their future state of well-being through guided symposia, capability-building fora and activities; and*

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6. *Promote a safe space and supportive learning community among adolescents where fertility management, responsible sexuality and reproductive health, effective communication, leadership and other life skills are honed, harnessed and put to good use;*

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*and*

1037 7. *Provide such other opportunities for dialogue and interaction among teens in Surigao*  
 1038 *City.*

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1040 **Section 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SURIGAO CITY TEEN CENTER COUNCIL.** In  
 1041 order to foster and advance the interests and rights of teens in the City, a Surigao City Teen Center  
 1042 Council shall be established which shall be composed of the following:

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1044 Team Leader : City Social Welfare and Development Office  
 1045 Members : City Population Office  
 1046 : City Health Office  
 1047 : City Local Youth Development Office  
 1048 : Sangguniang Kabataan Federated President  
 1049 : Department of Education- City Division  
 1050 : Youth Volunteer/Organization Representative  
 1051 : Religious Sector Representatives

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1053 **Section 6. FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.** The Surigao City Teen Center Council shall  
 1054 perform the following functions:

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1056 1. *Formulate, in consultation with all accredited youth organizations, a Teen Development Plan*  
 1057 *and monitor its implementation;*

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1059 2. *Facilitate city-wide training and seminars that will:*

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1061 a) *Enhance management and leadership capacities of the teen;*  
 1062 b) *Popularize the Teen Development Plan;*  
 1063 c) *Familiarize the teens of all laws and policies that concern them; and*  
 1064 d) *Sustain their respective organizational programs and projects.*

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1066 3. *Facilitate and monitor all activities pertaining to teen development;*

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1068 4. *Coordinate and link up with other agencies whether the government or*  
 1069 *private for teen welfare and development; and*

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1071 5. *Create such other committees and bodies as it may deem necessary to attain*  
 1072 *the objectives of this ordinance.*

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1074 **Section 7. CREATION OF TEEN DESKS IN THE 54 BARANGAYS OF SURIGAO AND**  
 1075 **COUNCIL.** Teen desks shall likewise be established in each and every barangay of Surigao. They  
 1076 shall be under the care and management of the Teen Desk Council of each concerned  
 1077 barangay, which shall be composed of the following:

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1079 Team Leader : Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson of the Barangay  
 1080 Members : Barangay Councilor Committee on Social Services  
 1081 : Barangay Councilor Committee on Health  
 1082 : Barangay Councilor Committee on Education  
 1083 : Barangay Health Worker  
 1084 : Child Development Worker  
 1085 : Religious Sector Representative  
 1086 : School Population and Development Coordinator (POPDEV Coordinator)

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1088 The Teen Desk Council shall perform similar functions to that of the Surigao City Teen  
 1089 Center Council or as may be delegated and/or ordered by the latter.

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1091 **Section 8. FUNDING.** The funding for the Surigao City Teen Center shall be sourced from  
 1092 Gender and Development (GAD) Funds of the City. On the other hand, funding for Barangay Teen  
 1093 Desk shall be taken from the GAD Funds and/ or Sangguniang Kabataan Funds of each barangay.

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**Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any or all ordinances, rules, and regulations that are inconsistent or in conflict with the sections or provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, revoked, and modified accordingly.

**Section 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Enacted on June 13, 2024.

**SPONSORED BY: HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA**  
Chairman, Committee on Social Welfare

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**RULES ARE REINSTATED.**

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**PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH**

None

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**OTHER MATTERS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters discussed, the 22<sup>ND</sup> Regular Session was adjourned at 3:38 o'clock in the afternoon of June 13, 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. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:**

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

Thank you, Lord, for Your presence with us this day.  
As we depart from this space now, we ask You to bless us  
Throughout the remainder of the day and guide us safely home.  
Do not let the learning and conversations of this gathering die,  
But, instead, may they continue to ruminate within us and bear fruit in our  
Ministries throughout the year, until we find ourselves together again.

1150 We ask this in the Name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
1151 Amen.

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1154 APPROVED, this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of June 2024.  
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1158 WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing statements, resolutions and the like were passed  
1159 and approved by us, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao, Province of  
1160 Surigao del Norte.

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1163 **EDNA B. SIEGA**  
1164 Sanggunian Secretary  
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Liga ng mga Barangay President

**JENELYN EDULZURA**  
SK Federation President

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1174 **SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS**  
1175 City Councilor  
1176 Presiding Officer  
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