

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 38th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Joel E. Tinio	- City Councilor (Official Travel)
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	- City Councilor (Official Travel)

The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of September 26, 2024.

OPENING PRAYER

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Let us bow our heads in prayer.
Heavenly father,
we come before You today with grateful hearts
as we gather for this session.
We thank You for the gift of life,
for bringing us together,
and for the opportunity to work towards our shared goals.
We ask for Your wisdom and guidance
as we engage in discussion
and decision making.
Bless each person present
and fill our hearts with clarity
and our hearts with the spirit of cooperation.
Help us to listen to one another with`
respect and understanding,
seeking solutions that will benefit
not only ourselves but also those we serve.

58 May this meeting be productive,
59 and may the work we do here
60 bring about positive change.
61 Lord, keep us focused on our purpose
62 and inspire us to act with integrity,
63 kindness, and compassion.
64 Guide us in our thoughts
65 and actions that we may fulfill
66 our responsibilities with excellence
67 and humility.
68 We place this meeting in your hearts,
69 in your hands, and trust in your divine will.
70 May Your presence,
71 may Your peace be with us throughout
72 and maybe depart within with a renewed
73 sense of purpose.
74 In Your Holy name we pray.
75 Amen.

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79 **SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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84 **ROLL CALL**

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

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91 **PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE**
92 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

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97 Thereafter, Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas was recognized and presented a motion for
98 the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, jointly seconded by Honorable Joseph
99 Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

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101 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 19, 2024, re:
102 Resolution Nos. 218-220 be as it is hereby approved.

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106 **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

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108 • DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024 - 136 re: Conduct of Barangay
109 Assembly for the 2nd Semester of Calendar Year (CY) 2024.

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INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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RESOLVED, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 38th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 26 September 2024.

FIRST READING:

- None

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

A. Committee on Appropriations —

- Indorsement from the City Budget Office, submitting the Supplemental Budget No. 1 for CY 2024 of Barangay Mat-i, this city

B. Committee on Barangay Affairs—

- Letter of Regional Director Maria Loisella E. Lucino, CESO IV, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Caraga Region, forwarding DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024-136, informing all cities and provinces to Conduct of Barangay Assembly for the 2nd Semester of Calendar Year 2024

C. Committee on Rules—

- 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 Land Bank of the Philippines, for the implementation of Digital Payments and Collections Pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018 with the Attached Local Finance Committee Resolution No. 17, series of 2024.

D. Committee on Social Welfare—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to sign a Deed of Donation with the National Council on Disability Affairs to donate one (1) unit Desktop Computer to the LGU

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Honorable Abian was recognized.
HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon. And to all honorable members of this council. Respectfully endorsed the herein 51 applicants for tricycle franchise classified as 33 Extension of MTOP validity for renewal. 5 substitutions of unit and extension of MTOP Validity renewal, amendment of franchise. 13 Substitution of unit Amendment of franchise. Ah, Mr. Chair, the committee recommend for the adoption of my committee report, I so move.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 223 – 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 51 APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRICYCLE FRANCHISE CLASSIFIED AS EXTENSION OF MTOP (MOTORIZED TRICYCLE OPERATORS PERMIT), SUBSTITUTION OF UNIT AND EXTENSION OF MTOP VALIDITY AND SUBSTITUTION OF UNIT.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of indorsement from Tricycle and Trisikad Franchising Office, endorsing Fifty One (51) applications for the tricycle franchise classified as thirty three (33) Extension of MTOP Validity), five (5) Extension of MTOP Validity and Substitution of Unit and thirteen (13) Substitution of Unit of tricycle-for-hire franchises, for favorable action and approval;

WHEREAS, during the committee hearing conducted on September 16, 2024, the TTFO committee acted on the 51 applications for the tricycle franchise classified as Extension of MTOP (Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit), Substitution of Unit and Extension of MTOP validity and Substitution of Unit, with complete supporting documents and the corresponding Certificate of Road Worthiness, giving favorable action to the said applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution approving the 51 applications for the tricycle franchise classified as Extension of MTOP (Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit), Substitution of Unit and Extension of MTOP validity and Substitution of Unit, to wit:

No.	Name	SC#	TTFO #	Plate No.	MV File No.	Remarks
1.	OCOL, JOVENCIO B.	0210	2021-1443	7512LU	1520-61530	Extension of MTOP Validity
2.	APARENTE, SOLOMON T.	0337	2021-1445	XR3786	1520-39952	Extension of MTOP Validity
3.	CACANOG, EDWINA C.	0342	2021-1671	341ZGG	1501-353324	Extension of MTOP Validity
4.	ERAZO, JAIME B.	0353	22-0692	881ZFY	1501-360759	Extension of MTOP Validity
5.	GORGOD, ERNESTO JR. B.	0754	2021-1455	1876LU	1520-32270	Extension of MTOP Validity
6.	MAJUCA, NATIVIDAD P.	0849	2021-1661	2933LU	1520-57027	Extension of MTOP Validity
7.	HAPITA, JONATHAN C.	0859	2022-0117	1535LU	1112-286816	Extension of MTOP Validity
8.	NATAD, CRIS AIDIELYN S.	0879	22-0892	L766HB	110124002087379	Extension of MTOP Validity
9.	ANSET, JERUM F.	0948	23-0216	577ZGA	1501-345055	Extension of MTOP Validity
10.	MAJUCA, NATIVIDAD P.	1133	23-0937	790ZLI	1501-431170	Extension of MTOP Validity
11.	ELAPE, JOEL O.	1263	2021-1469	5224LU	1520-61632	Extension of MTOP Validity
12.	CHAVEZ, ROBERTO A.	1325	2021-1303	XR3657	1520-39877	Extension of MTOP Validity
13.	MACATIGBAC, LORENZO R.	1591	2021-1618	XR3781	1520-40142	Extension of MTOP Validity
14.	ASAS, LIBRADO B.	1621	2022-0192	1912LU	1520-49456	Extension of MTOP Validity
15.	SALEM, ALFREDO JR. P.	1645	2021-1113	422ZTF	1501-479692	Extension of MTOP Validity
16.	LICAYAN, SOLOMON S.	1846	2021-1487	XR3425	1520-36565	Extension of MTOP Validity
17.	RUPEREZ, MARY BETH M.	1885	2021-1325	5264LU	1508-55290	Extension of MTOP Validity

18.	RIVAS, JEREMIAS L.	1966	23-1081	263ZKN	1501-405371	Extension of MTOP Validity
19.	DAGAAS, NEIL A.	1967	23-1382	941ZMB	1501-450728	Extension of MTOP Validity
20.	SUPERA, ANTONIO JR. B.	1989	23-1327	7735LU	1520-59081	Extension of MTOP Validity
21.	ERAZO, CHRISTOPHER B.	2036	2021-1334	7733LU	1508-54832	Extension of MTOP Validity
22.	OLITA, ELIZALDE JR. T.	2053	2021-1495	9857LU	1520-69197	Extension of MTOP Validity
23.	MADRONA, BERNALD A.	2073	2021-1497	7577LU	1510-1014013	Extension of MTOP Validity
24.	DUMALE, WULFREDO E.	2089	2021-1342	4819LU	1508-48850	Extension of MTOP Validity
25.	SELISANA, JOSE JR. C.	2110	2021-1635	7799LU	1520-69101	Extension of MTOP Validity
26.	MAJUCA, NATIVIDAD P.	2131	23-1329	731ZFD	1501-249282	Extension of MTOP Validity
27.	BALIÑAS, RESTHY B.	2288	2021-1508	LU4663	1520-30034	Extension of MTOP Validity
28.	MAJUCA, NATIVIDAD P.	2323	2021-1357	9839LU	1520-65225	Extension of MTOP Validity
29.	ESCOSURA, BROOKLYN L.	2357	2021-1359	1579LU	1520-56677	Extension of MTOP Validity
30.	PEROCHO, RODRIGO JR. P.	2601	23-0232	271ZKR	1501-413460	Extension of MTOP Validity
31.	SEGUIS, JUANILLO D.	2612	2021-1366	5178LU	1520-61400	Extension of MTOP Validity
32.	RADO, ROLEXIS P.	2342	2021-1510	5141LU	1520-57815	Extension of MTOP Validity
33.	FUENTES, ARTCHIE L.	0875	23-1288	965ZSS	150124001851969	Extension of MTOP Validity
34.	MACO, JOSEL S.	0357	24-0780	182ZTO	150124002281585	Extension of Validity & Substitution of Unit
35.	QUICHO, MARIFE L	0848	2021-1589	789ZQN	1501-488865	Extension of Validity & Substitution of Unit
36.	DOOCEY, ESTERLITA D.	1637	2021-1313	947ZTR	150124002402260	Extension of Validity & Substitution of Unit
37.	AQUINO, BOBBY L.	1741	2021-1483	7703LU	1520-62890	Extension of Validity & Substitution of Unit
38.	PARPAN, RITCHIE I.	2185	23-1385	933ZLJ	1501-432361	Extension of Validity & Substitution of Unit
39.	COLTA, MILA N.	0003	23-0001	145ZSX	1501-500035	Substitution of Unit
40.	LLANO, BENEDICT B.	0252	23-1428	332ZTM	150124002148838	Substitution of Unit
41.	ROBAS, IRENE J.	0336	23-0028	641ZSZ	150124002073486	Substitution of Unit
42.	RULONA, ROYBEL F.	0686	23-0050	412ZTM	150124002149592	Substitution of Unit
43.	PALEN, FERDINAND L.	0878	22-0728	495ZSU	150124001910013	Substitution of Unit
44.	DARUCA, EDISON G.	1139	23-1539	988ZMI	1501-457997	Substitution of Unit
45.	ACA-AC, PETER JAY A.	1923	23-0617	1501-90856	1501-90856	Substitution of Unit
46.	LANSON, CONCEPCION E.	2363	23-1100	297ZSS	150124001825006	Substitution of Unit
47.	BALDERAS, PEDRITO E.	2386	23-0495	188ZLG	1501-428425	Substitution of Unit
48.	LUMIARES, SALVADOR II R.	2397	23-0747	1501-220173	1501-220173	Substitution of Unit
49.	ENCARNACION, LUNESA BONEV	2604	23-0548	695ZQS	150124000943105	Substitution of Unit
50.	ROMERO, HELEN C.	3147	23-1188	312ZTM	150124002137251	Substitution of Unit
51.	PAGULONG, MELPA M.	3211	23-1642	785ZSW	150124002026232	Substitution of Unit

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RESOLVED FURTHERMORE: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, the Tricycle and Trisikad Franchising Office, and the City Treasurer, all of this city, for their information and appropriate action.

Honorable Edulzura was recognized.

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

And good afternoon to my colleagues. This committee is in recipient of an Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated the as urgent requesting the City Council to pass a Resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Surigao City Cycling Club for the conduct of Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024.

Mr. Chair, may I move for the suspension of the rules to allow the resource person to discuss us this Memorandum of Agreement.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

We just first ah go on with your committee report and findings. Then after that, we will have the discussion.

HON. JENELYN EDULZURA:

Okay. The subject of this committee is a resolution to authorize the City Mayor to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with the Surigao Cycling Club for the conduct of Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024. The City Government of Surigao and the Surigao Cycling Club are collaborating to organize the Surigao City Triathlon to promote Health and Wellness among residents and tourism of the City.

Facts and findings, the City Government of Surigao City, represented by the City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao, II and Surigao City Cycling Club, represented by its President, Mr. Ricky Caballero. Both parties are collaborating to organize the Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024. The LGU recognizes the importance of promoting health and wellness among residents, tourism, and to ensure the successful implementation of the event. The purpose of this agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Surigao Cycling Club and the LGU collaborate and cooperate, organized this event.

Recommendation, the Committee on Youth and Sport Development hereby recommend to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Surigao City Cycling Club for the conduct of Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024.

Mr. Chair, I move to adopt this Committee Report.

The motion to adopt the committee report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and approved. During the discussion, the **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource person to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement.

ENGR. FREDERICK LOUIE NG/ MEMBER OF SURCYC:

Oo, Member of Surigao Cycling Club, SURCYC. Um, we are here to represent, as the SURCYC for... to do the Triathlon in Surigao City this coming October 20, 2024.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Why do we have to enter into an agreement with the City Mayor?

ENGR. FREDERICK LOUIE NG/ MEMBER OF SURCYC:

There are ano sir, the purpose of the agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which the club and the LGU will collaborate to organize this event.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Where will this be held?

ENGR. FREDERICK LOUIE NG/ MEMBER OF SURCYC:

City boulevard.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

What?

286 **ENGR. FREDERICK LOUIE NG/ MEMBER OF SURCYC:**

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288 *The whole City of Surigao City.*

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

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292 *What are the obligations of both parties? Can ah Atty. Krystel?*

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294 **ENGR. FREDERICK LOUIE NG/ MEMBER OF SURCYC:**

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296 *SURCYC will be the, ah responsibilities to organize and coordinate the event, including route*
297 *planning, uh, registration and participation management. Ah, provide all necessary resources,*
298 *including personnel, personnel, equipment, materials in relation to technical nature of the event in*
299 *order to ensure the smooth operation of the event. We will help promote and publicize the event*
300 *through various channels.*

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302 *For LGU, provide assistance and support to the club in organizing the event. Ah, provide*
303 *cash prizes and trophies for the winners of the event. Provide necessary permits and approvals from*
304 *relevant government upon compliance of requirements for the event. Provide logistics support such*
305 *as traffic management and security during the event. Ah, promote the event within the community*
306 *and encourage residents' participation.*

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308 *For this event, the Club will collect registration fees and they can accept up to 300*
309 *participants. This will have 3 courses which is swimming, 40-kilometer bike and 10-kilometer. There*
310 *will be no disruption of the vehicle traffic.*

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312 *There being no more discussions, the resource persons were excused and* **RULES ARE**
313 **REINSTATED.**

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315 *There being no amendments, the resolution was approved, to wit:*

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317 **RESOLUTION NO. 224 – 2024**

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319 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES**
320 **L. DURLAO II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE**
321 **SURIGAO CYCLING CLUB FOR THE CONDUCT OF SURIGAO CITY TRIATHLON ON**
322 **OCTOBER 20, 2024.**

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325 **WHEREAS,** the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City
326 Mayor, requesting to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
327 between the City Government of Surigao and Surigao Cycling Club (SURCYC) for the conduct of
328 Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024, for favorable action and approval;

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330 **WHEREAS,** the Club is organizing the "Surigao City Triathlon" event (referred to as the "Event")
331 on October 20, 2024, to promote health and wellness among residents and the tourism of the
332 community;

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334 **WHEREAS,** the Local Government Unit of Surigao recognizes the importance of promoting
335 health and wellness among residence, tourism and to ensure the successful implementation of the
336 event;

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338 **WHEREAS,** the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City Government and the
339 Surigao Cycling Club establishes the terms and conditions for the collaboration in organizing the event;

WHEREAS, both parties wish to collaborate and cooperate to ensure the successful implementation of the Event;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Jenelyn Edulzura, seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Surigao Cycling Club for the conduct of Surigao City Triathlon on October 20, 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and Surigao Cycling Club, for their information.

Honorable Geli was recognized.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

I'll start with Committee on Health and Sanitation. This is regarding the Resolution Granting the City Mayor for a Blanket Authority to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with any Duly Accredited Drug Screening Laboratory to conduct Mandatory Drug Testing for the employees of the City Government of Surigao City.

Facts and Findings: During the scheduled committee hearing, the City Health Office is planning to conduct mandatory random drug testing to the city government employees as mandated by the DILG through the Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. Based on the draft MOA, drug testing will be conducted randomly for dual drug testing of Methamphetamine (Shabu) and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC or known as Marijuana). Based on the said committee hearing, the Drug Screening Laboratory who is willing to partner with the City Government will be selected through the usual bidding process of the government. It was also stated in the draft MOA that the Drug Screening Laboratory should be duly accredited by the Department of Health – Bureau of Health Facilities and Services.

In addition, this MOA is a requirement by the said, any laboratory screening to conduct such mandatory drug testing, Mr. Chairman.

So, the recommendation. The Committee on Health and Sanitation hereby recommends to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor a Blanket Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with any accredited Drug Screening Laboratory to conduct Mandatory Random Drug Testing of Methamphetamine and Tetrahydrocannabinol to the employees of the City Government of Surigao City.

With this, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move to adopt my committee report.

The motion to adopt the committee report was approved. Thereafter, a motion was presented and approved. During the discussion, the **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource person enlighten the body with regard the blanket authority.

DR. ERBEN C. ORPILLA/ASST. CITY HEALTH OFFICER, CHO:

Good afternoon Mr. Chair, actually this Memorandum of Agreement specifically to have a mandatory drug testing for all the employees working for the city, Sir, specifically for Methamphetamine and Tetrahydrocannabinol, under the guidance of the Comprehensive Drug Act of 2002, and was also instituted by DOLE, Department of Labor and Employment.

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

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399 *Are employees here include regular, casual, contractual and job orders?*

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401 **DR. ERBEN C. ORPILLA/ASST. CITY HEALTH OFFICER, CHO:**

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403 *Yes, Sir.*

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

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407 *Okay. So, that's clear ha. And then, including the local officials?*

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409 **DR. ERBEN C. ORPILLA/ASST. CITY HEALTH OFFICER, CHO:**

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411 *Yes, Sir. Should be, Sir.*

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

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415 *Yes. You include that there (to Councilor Geli)...employees and officials of the city.*

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418 *Honorable Catre was recognized.*

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420 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE:**

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422 *What if an elected official or a job order employee, or a contractual employee refuses to be*
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425 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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427 *How would you respond to that question?*

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429 **ATTY. LEX JOSHUA ANDREW SILVOSA/CITY LEGAL OFFICER:**

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431 *Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to this august body. To the question of the*
432 *Honorable Councilor Catre, whether if a job order or a contractual will be obligated to be subjected*
433 *to a drug testing, it is stipulated in their contract already. However, as to the elected officials and the*
434 *regular employees, we are covered by the CSC, and they have already provided guidelines with*
435 *regards drug testing.*

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437 *In case of forceful refusal of an employee to submit himself to testing, there will be sanctions*
438 *to be imposed provided by the Civil Service Commission. The test shall be conducted by a DOH-*
439 *accredited facility only.*

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441 *The number of employees that will undergo drug testing will depend on the winning bidder*
442 *and in case of a positive result, a confirmatory test will be done and cost of such will be shouldered*
443 *by the testing facility.*

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445 *Honorable Catre was recognized.*

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447 **HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:**

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449 *So, any employee cannot refuse this testing. Okay. What if an employee did not refuse*
450 *pero di sija kaihi. Can he refuse to be given water? Kay waya man diri sa balaod, di ba? For the*
451 *sake of discussion, Mr. Chairman. Ha?*

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Huyatan na muihi.

HON. NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR.:

Can an employee be compelled to drink a gallon of water? Will it not violate his constitutional rights? He is not refusing to be checked ha pero di lamang sija kaihi.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

We will just try to see how the testing company will handle.

Honorable Azarcon was recognized.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

This question is address to my Pañero, Atty. Silvosa. What will be the sanctions or penalty for one if he refuses to undergo this mandatory drug testing? Second question is, if ever a person or a government employee or a job order employee for that matter, will be found positive of drug use what will be his faith?

ATTY. JOSHUA LEX U. SILVOSA/CITY LEGAL OFFICER:

For the first question, Mr. Chair, as to the question on whether what will happen to the employee, if he will not allow himself to be tested for drug test this is a direct insubordination because this will be in partnership with HR and those who will not allow themselves to be tested if they are chosen then this is a ground for dismissal because there is direct insubordination on the part of the employee or those who are contract or job order positions. As for those who are found positive with the use of methamphetamine or marijuana, Doc will explain also what will be the consequences but firstly, he will be investigated. One of those is for confirmatory which will be also shouldered by still by the winning bidder para sigurado gajod na positive sija and if ma-found gihapon sija positive then Doc unoy ato himoon?

DR. ERBEN C. ORPILLA/ASST. CITY HEALTH OFFICER:

Actually, when they're found positive there are two ways, we have to note, if it is the patient is a pusher or user as well, so, there are two ways for that one. There's another treatment for that, its CBD RP we can recommend that one if found positive. There's specific guidelines when a patient is positive after investigation, so hindi dinadala agad sa kulungan, iniimbestigahan po muna.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes, go ahead, Councilor Azarcon.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

On other words, Mr. Chairman, the penalty for a government employee who refuses to undergo mandatory drug testing is a possible dismissal from government service. However, if one will be found positive of drug used, he will be only be considered as a patient and having treated accordingly. You see the difference? So, this will be the previous situation, the previous situation is a little bit more harsh than the second situation so it should be better for a government employee to just submit yourself if you are a drug user so that you will be treated than refuse it, if you refuse being subjected to mandatory drug testing, correct?

DR. ERBEN C. ORPILLA/ ASST. HEALTH OFFICER:

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HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Any other query? Any question to our resource persons? If there are none, then will excuse them. Thank you, Atty. Silvosa, Dr. Opilla, Orpilla rather. We will now reinstate the rules. We go now to. Any amendment? The amendment will just be covered that under this we will include elective officials. Okay? So, include that.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

We can also have an additional provision here where we state the exact location. We can just put it within the city hall compound.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

The venue of the drug testing should be confined only within the Surigao City Government Center. There are two amendments here to include the elected officials and then the venue shall be within the premises of the Surigao City Government Center. With that, is that agreeable to the proponent of these two amendments? So that we will no longer go into...

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The amendments being adopted, the resolution was approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 225 – 2024

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II A BLANKET AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ANY DULY ACCREDITED DRUG SCREENING LABORATORY FOR THE MANDATORY RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL, TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE SURIGAO CITY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting to the City Council to Grant The City Mayor a Blanket Authority to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with duly accredited Drug Screening Laboratories for the conduct of Mandatory Drug Testing of employees of the City Government of Surigao;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9165, also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, the City Health Office (CHO) plans to conduct mandatory random drug testing for the employees of the City Government of Surigao City, as mandated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

WHEREAS, the said drug testing will include screening for Methamphetamine (SHABU) and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, commonly known as Marijuana);

WHEREAS, the Drug Screening Laboratory to be engaged for this purpose must be duly accredited by the Department of Health – Bureau of Health Facilities and Services and selected through the standard bidding process of the city;

WHEREAS, during discussions, it was agreed to amend the Memorandum of Agreement to include elected officials in the mandatory drug testing and to conduct the tests at the City Government Center for accessibility;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, seconded by Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution granting the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II a blanket authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with any duly accredited Drug Screening Laboratory for the Mandatory Random Drug Testing of City Government Employees and Elected Officials for Methamphetamine and Tetrahydrocannabinol, to be conducted at the Surigao City Government Center.

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

Honorable Geli continued.

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. My first, will be on the,

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage

SUBJECT:

Resolution to authorize the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City with regards to the establishment of a New Elementary School in Barangay Mat-I.

FACTS/FINDINGS:

During the committee hearing, it was established that there will be a new elementary school which is situated in Sitio Putchan, Barangay Mat-I. The land of which the school will be constructed was already donated to the Department of Education. And one of the requirements of the Department of Education-Surigao City when establishing new schools is a memorandum of agreement with the Local Government Unit with regards to the maintenance, hiring of teachers and financial support of the said structure through the Special Education Fund. It was agreed that there is no exact amount stated in the MOA but what is needed is the implied understanding that the elementary school will be given an appropriation by the city through the special education fund when an appropriation is available.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage hereby recommends that a resolution be passed authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City with regards to the establishment of a New Elementary School in Barangay Mat-i.

I so move, Mr. Chairman.

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

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624 **RESOLUTION NO. 226 – 2024**
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626 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR**
627 **PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF**
628 **AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-SURIGAO CITY,**
629 **REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN**
630 **BARANGAY MAT-I.**

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633 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor,
634 requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of
635 Agreement with the Department of Education- Surigao City Division as an attachment to their
636 application at the DepEd Central Office for the establishment of a new Elementary School in
637 Barangay Mat-i, for favorable action and approval;

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639 **WHEREAS**, during committee hearing, it was established that there will be a new elementary
640 school to be constructed in Sitio Putchan, Barangay Mat-i;

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642 **WHEREAS**, it was found that the land on which the new elementary school will be
643 constructed has already been donated to the Department of Education-Surigao City;

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645 **WHEREAS**, one of the requirements set by the Department of Education-Surigao City in the
646 establishment of new schools is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Local
647 Government Unit (LGU) and the Department of Education-Surigao City, particularly concerning the
648 maintenance, hiring of teachers, and financial support for the school structure, to be funded through
649 the Special Education Fund (SEF) of the city;

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651 **WHEREAS**, it was agreed that although no specific amount is stipulated in the MOA, there
652 is an implied understanding that the City of Surigao, through the SEF, will appropriate financial
653 support for the maintenance and operation of the new elementary school, subject to the availability
654 of funds;

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656 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, seconded by Honorable
657 Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

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659 **RESOLVED**: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L.
660 Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City,
661 regarding the establishment of a new elementary school in Barangay Mat-i.

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663 **RESOLVED FURTHER**: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City
664 Mayor and Department of Education-Surigao City, for their information.

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667 Honorable Geli continued.

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

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672 *Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next is still on the Committee on Education.*

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674 **COMMITTEE REPORT**
675 **Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage**

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677 **SUBJECT:**

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679 *Resolution to authorize the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the*

Department of Education-Surigao City with regards to the establishment of a New Secondary School in Barangay Luna

FACTS/FINDINGS:

During the committee hearing, it was established that there will be a new secondary school (Grade 7-8) which will situated in Barangay Luna specifically behind the Surigao City Bus Terminal. The land of which the school will be constructed was already donated to the Department of Education. And one of the requirements of the Department of Education-Surigao City when establishing new schools is a memorandum of agreement with the Local Government Unit with regards to the maintenance, hiring of teachers and financial support of the said structure through the Special Education Fund. It was agreed that there is no exact amount stated in the MOA but what is needed is the implied understanding that the elementary school will be given an appropriation by the city through the special education fund when an appropriation is available.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage hereby recommends that a resolution be passed authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City with regards to the establishment of a New Secondary School in Barangay Luna. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 227 – 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City for the establishment of a new Secondary School in Barangay Luna.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education- Surigao City Division as an attachment to their application at the DepEd Central Office for the establishment of a new Secondary School in Barangay Luna;

WHEREAS, during the committee hearing, it was established that there will be a new secondary school (Grades 7-8) situated in Barangay Luna, specifically behind the Surigao City Bus Terminal;

WHEREAS, it was found that the land on which the new secondary school will be constructed has already been donated to the Department of Education-Surigao City;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education-Surigao City requires a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Local Government Unit (LGU) to formalize the partnership, particularly in terms of maintenance, hiring of teachers, and financial support for the school structure through the Special Education Fund (SEF) of the city;

WHEREAS, there is an understanding that the secondary school will be provided with financial support through the SEF, subject to the availability of appropriations;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joshua Emilio S. Geli, seconded by Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education-Surigao City for the establishment of a new secondary school in Barangay Luna.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and Department of Education-Surigao City, for their information.

1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

- None

B. Urgent Matters:

- *Indorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Land Bank of the Philippines, for the implementation of Digital Payments and Collections Pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018 with the Attached Local Finance Committee Resolution No. 17, series of 2024. (By: Committee on Rules)*

Honorable Azarcon was recognized.

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

For the record, Mr. Chairman, the indorsement was dated September 25, yesterday which was referred to the Committee on Rules today, this afternoon and was included in the calendar of business for today's session and it is denominated as URGENT. I will try my best, Mr. Chairman to act on the matter as best as I can because it is denominated as URGENT.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Do we need a resource person here?

HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:

This is only, I have peruse the attachment, Mr. Chairman and this is only a matter of formality.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

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795 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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797 *Because there is already a law, a National Law for that matter mandating the implementation*
 798 *of the Digital Payments and Collections Pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the*
 799 *Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.*

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

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803 *So, what is now your pleasure?*

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805 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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807 *I will proceed, Mr. Chairman, for our benefit.*

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

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811 *Go ahead.*

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813 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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815 *And for our understanding, I will just read the whereases of the subject Memorandum Of*
 816 *Agreement.*

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

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820 *You have the floor, Councilor Azarcon.*

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822 **HON. CACEL R. AZARCON:**

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824 *Under the Memorandum of Agreement, Mr. Chairman, the following whereases are stated*
 825 *as follows:*

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827 *Whereas, the CG Surigao, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act N. 8792, otherwise known as*
 828 *the “electronic Commerce Act of 2000,” is currently undertaking the modernization of its facility to*
 829 *provide fast and efficient alternative payment collection services to its clientele;*

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831 *Whereas, LANDBANK designed and operated the LANDBANK Link.BizPortal to allow partner-*
 832 *merchants’ clients to directly transact with the LANDBANK payment gateway or allow partner-*
 833 *merchants to directly interface with the LANDBANK payment gateway, whichever is applicable.*

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835 *Whereas, under LANDBANK Link.BizPortal, CG Surigao clients may transact business and/or pay*
 836 *their monetary obligations to CG Surigao via the internet using any of the ePayment models being*
 837 *offered by LANDBANK, and subject to the terms and conditions appurtenant thereto:*

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839 *Whereas, CG Surigao agrees to enter into direct agreement with LANDBANK’s Payment Service*
 840 *Provider (PSP) to avail of the ePayment models offered by LANDBANK, as applicable;*

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842 *Whereas, LANDBANK has been chosen as the sole depository and financial settlement bank of CG*
 843 *Surigao, subject to the following conditions.*

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845 *This request of the City Mayor Office, Mr. Chairman is supported by a Resolution No. 17 of*
 846 *the Local Finance Committee pertinent provisions of which read as follows:*

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WHEREAS, Former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued the Executive Order No. 170 dated May 2022 for the Adoption of Digital Payments for Government Disbursement and Collection relevant to the Electronic Commerce Law of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the said Executive Order provided that all covered agencies are mandated to offer a digital mode of collecting payments for taxes, fees, tolls, and other charges and impositions;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Surigao City, with the Land Bank of the Philippines as its depository bank is given the chance to explore digital banking thru online payment facility with Landbank's Payment Service Provider;

WHEREAS, this resolution reiterating the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 granting Local Government Units the power to sign contracts, agreements and the like prior authorization from the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

With this, Mr. Chairman, this representation believes that the request of the Honorable City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Landbank of the Philippines is in order. So, as to effectively implement the Digital Payments and Collections Pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.

If there are no questions, or further clarifications, Mr. Chairman, I will proceed to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into the said Memorandum of Agreement.

There being no more discussions, the Proponent presented a motion which was approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 228 – 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Landbank of the Philippines, for the implementation of Digital Payments and Collections pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Landbank of the Philippines, for the implementation of Digital Payments and Collections pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018 with the attached Local Finance Committee Resolution No. 17, 2024;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Surigao, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 8792, otherwise known as the "Electronic Commerce Act of 2000," is currently undertaking the modernization of its facility to provide fast and efficient alternative payment collection services to its clientele;

WHEREAS, LANDBANK designed and operated the LANDBANK Link. BizPortal to allow partner-merchants' clients to directly transact with the LANDBANK payment gateway or allow partner-merchants to directly interface with the LANDBANK payment gateway, whichever is applicable;

WHEREAS, under LANDBANK Link.BiPortal, City Government of Surigao clients may transact business and/or pay their monetary obligations to City Government of Surigao via the internet using any of the ePayment models being offered by LANDBANK, and subject to the terms and conditions appurtenant thereto;

WHEREAS, City Government of Surigao agrees to enter into direct agreement with LANDBANK's Payment Service Provider (PSP) to avail of the ePayment models offered by LANDBANK, as applicable;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Cacer R. Azarcon, seconded by Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Landbank of the Philippines, for the implementation of Digital Payments and Collections pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and the Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and Landbank of the Philippines – Surigao City Branch, for their information.

- *Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to sign a Deed of Donation with the National Council on Disability Affairs to donate one (1) unit Desktop Computer to the LGU. (By: Committee on Social Welfare)*

Honorable Aldonza was recognized and **RULES ARE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource person to appraise the members of the council with regard the matter.

MR. MARC CAVEN S. SALAR/ASSISTANT CSWD OFFICER:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to this August body. The, regarding the subject matter for a Republic Act 9442 or an Act amending Republic Act 7277 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Person with Disability as amended for other Purposes. The council is enhancing disability data collection through the Department of Health or DOH Philippine Registry of Persons with Disabilities System in partnership with the Local Government Units, issuance of persons with disability identification card. So, it's a support and augmentation to the Local Government Units that the National Council on Disability Affairs will be donating one (1) unit of desktop computer basically for the maintenance of the Philippine Registry with Person with Disability or the PRPWD. This is an online system which will, with the data bank of our person with disability in the city of Surigao. So...

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Who will be in custody of this? And who will operate on this?

MR. MARC CAVEN S. SALAR/ASSISTANT CSWD OFFICER:

For Surigao City Mr. Chair, we have the person with Disability Affairs Office headed by Mr. Jobert Tapales our Disability Officer IV. He will be the one, who will be the manager of this system

953 because it's part of the mandate of the office, to maintain data banking at the same time, as we
954 continue to advocate PWD rights and privileges.

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956 Mr. Salar also enumerated who are those considered as Persons with Disability which
957 include: deaf, those with intellectual disability, learning disability, mental disability, physical disability,
958 psychosocial disability, speech and language impairment, the visual disability, those who are cancer
959 patients or survivors and rare diseases.

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961 The purpose of this donation is to expedite the printing of PWDs and senior citizens ID as
962 there is only one unit of desktop computer in the PDAO currently in use. This ID will grant the PWDs
963 a benefit of 20% discount on transportation, some medicines and commodities.

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965 There being no more discussions, the resource person was excused and **RULES ARE**
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968 The proponent presented a motion to authorize the City Mayor to accept the donation from
969 National Council of Disability represented by Glenda D. Relova of one computer unit desktop for the
970 Local Government of Surigao, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 229 – 2024

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HDD	1TB 7200 RPM
SSD	256G 2280 PCIE NVME
MEMORY	8GB (DDR4) 3200
MOUSE	HP KB BLACK WIRED
MOUSEPAD	HP MOUSE BLACK WIRED
OS	WINDOWS 11 64BIT
OFFICE	WINDOWS 19 PRO
MONITOR	HPP22v G5 (21.5")
WARRANTY	3 Years

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1007 **WHEREAS**, the DONOR is donating the aforementioned property with the following terms and
1008 conditions:

1. The DONEE will use the donated property exclusively for encoding and uploading of data of persons with disability issued with the PWD ID card to the PRPWD system;
2. The DONEE shall provide a secure location for the computer at either the C/MSWDO or Person with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) where the PWD ID card is being issued;
3. The DONEE shall ensure access to an Internet connection that will facilitate online encoding and uploading of disability data to the PRPWD system;
4. The DONEE shall assign a permanent staff that will be responsible in PRPWD data encoding and uploading to the PRPWD system;
5. The DONEE shall provide the DONOR with quarterly reports on the use of the donated property and the number of data uploaded in the PRPWD system;
6. The DONEE shall conduct regular maintenance of the computer/s, such as but not limited to virus scanning and defragging to ensure the optimum performance of the donated personal computer;
7. The DONEE shall not modify the configuration of the computer unless the DONOR, the NCDA issued a written certification to the DONEE authorizing the same;
8. The DONEE shall exercise prudence in the use of the information exchanged, collected, processed, and shared relevant to the PRPWD database;

1028 **WHEREAS**, the Chairman Committee on Social Welfare recognizes the importance of
1029 accepting this donation to ensure the continued success and sustainability of the National Disability
1030 Program;

1032 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, seconded by Honorable
1033 Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

1035 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L.
1036 Dumlao II to accept and sign a Deed of Donation with the National Council on Disability Affairs, for
1037 the donation of one (1) unit of a Desktop Computer to the Local Government Unit of Surigao.

1039 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor
1040 and City Social Welfare and Development Office, for their information.

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1048 **C. Business of the Day**

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1053 **PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH**

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OTHER MATTERS

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Other matters? We are fortunate to have with us our City Election Officer, Mr. Stallone Espejon. Who has requested the time for us to be able to present the COMELEC guidelines and updates on the coming elections. Upon his request, we are giving in and then the rules are suspended and to allow Mr. Stallone Espejon to be with us and brief the updates on the guidelines for the conduct of the elections this coming May 12, 2025. Go ahead, Mr. Stallone Espejon.

MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ACTING CITY ELECTION OFFICER:

Good afternoon to my fellow public servants, especially to these honorable body headed by the Honorable Pons Casurra and to the listeners. I am here to discuss some COMELEC updates. First, is in relation to the ongoing registration of voters. So we have here three dates that the public should know. First is the last day to file the applications. Meaning, the applications for registration, transfer, and the reactivation as well as the correction of entries. So, the COMELEC is appealing to the public that the last day should not be something to be waited by the public. Instead, we'll make use of these remaining three days and we're open even on Saturday.

And the second date to be remembered is the last day to file the opposition to this applications which will be on October 7, 2024. So this is the time that the public or anyone could question the applications filed in our office. And the last one in relation to the registration of voters is October 14, 2024 and thereafter because the days of the ERB hearing will depend on the number of applicants.

So the first day should be October 14, 2024. To move on, we have here a summary of the important dates, the important calendar of activities of the Commission on Elections in relation to the 2025 National and Local Elections. So we'll be giving emphasis on the September 30 last day of registration. And...

The Election Officer further discussed what are other dates to remember along with the requirements and important details to remember with regard the filling of Certificate of Candidacy. It was also clarified that an appointive employee needs to resign from the position that he/she is currently holding if he/she wishes to run for a position. However, an elected official does not need to do so.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

And then ah, for example Councilor Abian when he files his certificate of candidacy will bring along 200 supporters wearing t-shirts "Batang 2025" with all the streamers and so on there will be no premature campaigning?

MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ACTING CITY ELECTION OFFICER:

Yes, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

Why?

MR. STALLONE G. ESPEJON/ ACTING CITY ELECTION OFFICER:

Because it is discussed earlier because of the Pinera case, as you can observe also there is a, the COMELEC resolutions speaks of an aspirant and as well as a candidate. So at the moment, a certain person files his or her certificate of candidacy he still consider as an aspirant. Meaning he is not a candidate. The difference is that, when you are considered a candidate you will be bound by the COMELEC rules and regulations. The COMELEC resolution speaks that an aspirant will be considered a candidate who will be bound by the COMELEC rules and regulations at that time of the campaign period. Which is on March 28. So to summarize at the before or after the filing of the COC a candidate can do what has mentioned earlier, Mr. Chair.

The 2025 National and Local Elections will still be automated using an Automated Counting Machine.

Honorable Ravelo was recognized.

HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, good afternoon to my dear colleagues. Mr. Chair this in relation to the death of our fellow public servant. The Punong Barangay of Barangay Day-asan, the late Honorable Henry Adtoon Celeste. Who attributed to a vehicular accident happened in Sitio Cayutan, Barangay Cagniog Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

So what is the pleasure of this?

HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

So with this Mr. Chairman, this representation may respectfully move to pass a resolution expressing and extending our deepest sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family of the late Punong Barangay Henry Celeste. Who died last September 19, 2024.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:

I can allow and entertain you to make the proper motion although the style will be ah a rather the wordings will all be taken in after. You have the floor to sponsor the motion.

HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

So may I respectfully move to pass a resolution expressing our deepest sympathy and ah expressing our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Henry Celeste, Mr. Chairman.

I so move.

The motion was seconded by all members present and therefore approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 230 – 2024

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE PUNONG BARANGAY HENRY ADTOON CELESTE ON HIS UNTIMELY DEMISE.

WHEREAS, “All of us will sail to the land of Father our God, from whom we have all sprung, and whom we shall all return”. The moment has come for our brother **HENRY ADTOON CELESTE** to lay in his final rest and be with the Creator;

WHEREAS, the untimely demise of Honorable Henry Adtoon Celeste last September 19, 2024 placed the entire Barangay Day-asan and the Surigaonons in a state of surprise considering that the late Punong Barangay is known for his sincerity and his thrust in supporting the city government plans and programs for the betterment of the Surigaonons;

WHEREAS, Honorable Henry Adtoon Celeste dedicated his life to public service, having been elected as Punong Barangay for two consecutive terms from 2002 to 2010, and again in October 2022, continuing to serve with honor and commitment until his passing;

WHEREAS, he embodied the qualities of a true servant leader, exemplifying selflessness and unwavering commitment in serving the people of Barangay Day-asan;

WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss to his family, relatives, and friends, but his vision and accomplishments for the betterment of the community will be fondly remembered in the hearts of the people of Barangay Day-asan;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Florenillo B. Ravelo, unanimously seconded by all the members present, be it;

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution expressing deepest sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family of the late Punong Barangay **HENRY ADTOON CELESTE** on his untimely demise.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copy of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor and the bereaved family of the late Henry Adtoon Celeste.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 38TH Regular Session was adjourned at 3:39 o'clock in the afternoon of September 26, 2024.

(As to what transpired in the discussion, the transcribed stenographic notes of the same are kept and filed in the SP Office for record purposes and reference.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

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

Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Heavenly Father we come before You, at the closing of this session with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for guiding our discussions, for the insight we have gained and for the spirit of collaboration that has allowed us to work together . We are grateful for the wisdom and clarity You have provided throughout this time. Grant us safe travel as we return to our respective duties and may we always seek Your wisdom and all that we undertake. We thank You for your presence here with us today and ask that you watch over us until we meet again. In Your Holy Name, we pray.

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

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APPROVED, this 3rd day of October 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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