

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 2nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 9, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas	City Councilor
Hon. Joel E. Tinio	City Councilor
Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	City Councilor
Hon. Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	City Councilor
Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr	City Councilor
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	City Councilor
Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco	City Councilor
Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra	City Councilor
Hon. Florenillo b. Ravelo	Liga Ng Mga Barangay President
Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Cacel R. Azarcon	City Councilor (on leave)
Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza	City Councilor (on leave)

The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of January 9, 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

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

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with humble hearts,
 grateful for the opportunity to serve our community.
 We thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon this city and its people.
 As we begin this session, we asked for Your wisdom and guidance,
 help us to make decisions that are just and fair,
 keeping the welfare of our constituents on the hearts of every discussion.
 May our words and actions reflect unity, respect
 and shared commitment to the greater good.
 Bless each Council Member, our staff, and all who have gathered here.
 Grant us clarity of mind and strength of purpose as we work together
 For the betterment of the City.
 We ask all of these in Your Holy 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.

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 session.

Thereafter, Honorable Joel E. Tinio was recognized and presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 2, 2025, re: Resolution Nos. 001-003 be as it is hereby approved.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

None

INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas, 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 2nd Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 9 January 2025 as prepared and presented.

FIRST READING:

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REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

A. *Committee on Appropriations*—

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- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor for granting of monthly honorarium of PCPT Robert Paredes, Acting Traffic Operations Officer, in the amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) to be funded under the City Mayor's Office-Traffic Management Professional Services.
- Indorsement from the City Budget Officer, submitting the Annual Budgets for CY 2025 of Barangays Bonifacio, San Pedro, Sugbay, Capalayan, Libuac, Sukailang, Canlanipa and Cantiasay, all of this City

B. Committee on Rules—

- Re-indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass an ordinance, "An Ordinance Creating the Tricycle-For Hire and Trisikad Franchising Office under the Office of the City Mayor, Amending for that Purpose Sections 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 294, Series of 2009, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Refer this to the Committee on Rules, with the directive that this be calendared by the Committee on Rules for Public Hearing next week.

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, request for the Concurrence of the appointment of ENGR. GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA, as City Government Department Head I (City Engineer) of the City Government of Surigao.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, request for the Concurrence of the appointments of ENGR. JOSE ALFONSO A. CASURRA as City Government Department Head I (City Environment & Natural Resources Officer) and MS. ARCIAZEL L. LAGRAMA, as City Government Department Head I (City PESO Manager) of the City Government of Surigao.

C. Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure —

- *Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT requesting the City Council to pass a resolution*
 - (a) Committing logistical and funding support to the LGU and the subproject, particularly with respect to the equity contribution and operations and maintenance of complete or installed structures, systems and facilities;*
 - (b) Authorizing the Local Executive to enter into contracts with the winning bidders for civil works, consultancy, procurement of goods/equipment, and other agreements required to be done to put the Implementation Management Agreement into full effect; and*
 - (c) SP Resolution committing to process the transfer of and/or annotation to land title/s of the transferred or donated*

172 *properties to be utilized in the Construction of National Road*
 173 *Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm to-to-Market Road*
 174 *(PRDP), Including Bridges.*

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

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 178 *Yes, we can have this for today's agenda but subject to the condition that all the resource*
 179 *persons will be here to brief us as to why this is being considered as urgent, considering that we*
 180 *already passed a resolution last session, if this is a supplement to the previous session, they will*
 181 *have to brief us on this. So, kindly request the appearance of whoever is the persons responsible to*
 182 *answer questions on this urgent request for the passage of a resolution. The staff is hereby directed*
 183 *to call all those who are supposed to be here, to answer questions on this, so that it can be expedited.*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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190 Honorable Ravelo was recognized and in the absence of his written committee report, the
 191 **RULES WERE SUSPENDED.**

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193 **HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:**

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195 *Mr. Chair, my committee report deals with the indorsement from the City Mayor requesting*
 196 *the Sangguniang Panlungsod to authorize him to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with the*
 197 *Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Bureau of Local Employment Office. The*
 198 *Agreement, Mr. Chairman, is very clear that the purpose and objective is all about the Department*
 199 *of Labor and Employment Program- JobStart Philippines, which aims to shorten the youth's school-*
 200 *to-work transition by enhancing the knowledge and skills acquired in formal education or technical*
 201 *training...*

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203 The Presiding Officer allowed the proponent to read the contents of the Memorandum of
 204 Agreement. Thereafter, the resource person was called to join the discussion and answer queries
 205 with regard the urgent matter.

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207 **MS. ARCIAZEL LAGRAMA/CITY PESDO MANAGER:**

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209 *Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon to our Hon. Councilor and to our guest. So*
 210 *Jobstart is a program of the Department of Labor and Employment and in Caraga we are the third*
 211 *LGU to implement the program. First is the Agusan del Sur they had implemented the program for*
 212 *five years, consecutive for five years and then in 2019, Claver but they already stopped after a year*
 213 *and then third nominated ang Surigao City. Last year gi-evaluate ang PESO-Surigao City for their*
 214 *capacity to implement the program with Department of Labor and Employment Central Office aim to*
 215 *evaluate us on our facilities and our capability to provide employment. So, 50 to 100 slots will be*
 216 *given to Surigao City funded by the Department of Labor and Employment to cater out of school*
 217 *youth of Surigao City to undergo a complete full course of TESDA and employment. So, for the first*
 218 *stage of Jobstart this is all expense paid or the fund is under the Department of Labor and*
 219 *Employment.*

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221 *The role of the LGU and PESO is for the compliance of monitoring of the employment*
 222 *providing the necessary technical assistance and the implementation and our liquidation and*
 223 *reporting of our financial expenses to the Department of Labor and Employment, Sir.*

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

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227 *Are we ready to comply with the obligation set forth in this MOA or if not, how ready we are*
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MS. ARCIAZEL LAGRAMA/CITY PESO MANAGER:

Yes, Sir. We are ready, so after the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement we will now start to select, selection process of the 100 out-of-school youth so we are planning to partner with our Local Youth Development Office for the identification and screening of our beneficiaries and then we will conduct the employers forum for our partner employers for the upcoming employment or job placement of those 100 na mahimo nato na beneficiary after they will complete the full course of the TESDA training.

There being no more queries, the resource person was excused and **RULES WERE REINSTATED**. The proponent then presented a motion for the adoption of his committee report which was favorably seconded and approved. Thereafter, a motion was present and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 06 – 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) CARAGA AND THE BUREAU OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT (BLE), FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF “JOBSTART PHILIPPINES”.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Caraga and the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE), for the implementation of “JobStart Philippines”;

WHEREAS, JobStart Philippines is a flagship program of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

WHEREAS, on 29 June 2016, Republic Act 10869 or the JobStart Act was enacted institutionalizing for the national implementation of JobStart. The law provides for the essential administrative and management requirements to implement the program, will be used as guide to DOLE and PESOs in the implementation of the JobStart Philippines;

WHEREAS, the JobStart Philippines aims to shorten the youth's school-to-work transition by enhancing the knowledge and skills acquired in formal education or technical training by jobseekers in order for them to become more responsive to the demands of the labor market. With the participation of the private sector and other stakeholders, the program will also help develop the life skills of the youth, including those relevant to the values of professionalism and work appreciation, and provide Trainees with a conducive and safe work environment or venue where they can apply relevant theories and code of ethics. Another objective of the program is to further improve the delivery of employment facilitation services of the Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs);

WHEREAS, the Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs), maintained largely by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and linked to the Field and Regional Offices of the DOLE and to the DOLE central office for coordination and technical supervision, shall constitute the national employment service network, as prescribed under the PESO Act of 1999, as amended;

WHEREAS, the LGUs, through the PESOs, shall serve as the main partners of the DOLE in implementing the program at the local level. Successful operation of the JobStart Program is highly dependent on the support and cooperation of the LGUs, through its PESOs as its implementing body of the program;

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WHEREAS, a pilot implementation of the JobStart Philippines was launched in May 2014 and implemented in four (4) LGUs (i.e. General Trias in Cavite, San Fernando in Pampanga, Taguig City and Quezon City) to test the effectiveness of the program design. To scale up the implementation of JobStart, a total of 52 LGUs are covered by the Program;

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

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Caraga and the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE), for the implementation of “JobStart Philippines”.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable City Mayor, Public Employment & Skills Development Office Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Caraga and the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE), for their information and appropriate action.

1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

- None

B. Urgent Matters:

- *Ind Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT requesting the City Council to pass a resolution*
 - (a) *Committing logistical and funding support to the LGU and the subproject, particularly with respect to the equity contribution and operations and maintenance of complete or installed structures, systems and facilities;*
 - (b) *Authorizing the Local Executive to enter into contracts with the winning bidders for civil works, consultancy, procurement of goods/equipment, and other agreements required to be done to put the Implementation Management Agreement into full effect; and*
 - (c) *SP Resolution committing to process the transfer of and/or annotation to land title/s of the transferred or donated properties to be utilized in the Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm to-to-Market Road (PRDP), Including Bridges.*

Honorable Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chair and to my colleagues. In connection with the resolution passed last session, this representation received an URGENT indorsement from the Office of the City Mayor requesting the Sangguniang Panlungsod for a resolution containing three specific things, which are as follows:

342 a. Committing logistical and funding support to the LGU and subproject, particularly with
 343 respect to the equity contribution and operations and maintenance of completed or installed
 344 structures, systems and facilities

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 346 b. Authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into contracts with the winning bidders for
 347 civil works, consultancy, procurement of goods/equipment, and other agreements required
 348 to be done to put the Implementation Management Agreement into full effect, and
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350 c. Committing to process the transfer of and/or annotation to land title/s of the transferred or
 351 donated properties to be utilized in the Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ)
 352 Trinidad-Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges. By Chairman, Committee on
 353 Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Baltazar C. Abian.
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355 The URGENT indorsement, Mr. Chair has an attached draft resolution for this august body's
 356 reference and guidance.

357 And to enlighten us further, may I request for the **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES** to allow
 358 representatives from City Engineering Office, City Agriculture Office and City Legal Office to join the
 359 discussion.

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

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 363 Who are the reasons persons here? First is, when you talk about equity, it should be the City
 364 Budget Officer. If we talk about entering into contracts with winning bidders, it will be the head of the
 365 BAC, and then letter C, regarding the annotation of transferred of donated property, this will be
 366 handled by our City Assessor. Are they around to brief us on this?
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368 **MS. EDNA B. SIEGA:**

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 370 Head of the BAC also our City Budget Officer, Atty. Galido.
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372 **HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/ PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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 374 We will suspend the rules to allow this resource person to be with us. Atty. Jeffrey Galido,
 375 who else? What about the Assessor regarding letter C, because letter C, there is a commitment to
 376 process the transfer, and we do not know whether or not we have already fulfilled the requirements,
 377 the documentary requirements for this purpose that there is really a need for the transfer or donated
 378 properties to be annotated in the land titles. Who are those that are supposed to be here? Did you
 379 not contact them? Okay we will just have this, then will have the other matters, because we cannot
 380 have this treated upon without being briefed about our commitments. This are commitments of the
 381 Local Government Units, and we have to be very sure that the commitments are fully considered
 382 already. Otherwise, we may not have the ah, ready ah, as yet to, as pass this resolution. Any event,
 383 we go first to the concurrence of 3 Departments Heads and the business of the day. We will
 384 **REINSTATE THE RULES.**
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 388 **C. Business of the Day**
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- 390 • Request for the Concurrence of the appointment of ENGR.
- 391 GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA, as City Government Department
- 392 Head I (City Engineer) of the City Government of Surigao (By:
- 393 Committee on Rules)

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- Request for the Concurrence of the appointments of MS. ARCIAZEL L. LAGRAMA, as City Government Department Head I (City PESO Manager) and ENGR. JOSE ALFONSO A. CASURRA as City Government Department Head I (City Environment & Natural Resources Officer) of the City Government of Surigao. (By: Committee on Rules)

403 The concurrence of Engr. Casurra was treated first. The Presiding Officer, in view of his

404 relationship with Engr. Casurra, yielded the floor to Honorable Nagas. Honorable Casurra also

405 inhibited to participate in the discussion for the same reason.

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407 Thereafter, Honorable Catre was recognized.

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

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411 *Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Engr. Jose Alfonso A. Casurra, was appointed by the*

412 *Honorable City Mayor last January 6, 2025, as the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer,*

413 *a Department Head position. Thus, it requires the concurrence of the majority of all the Members of*

414 *the Sangguniang Panlungsod. I am a member of the Personnel Selection Board Mr. Chairman, so*

415 *have I no questions to the appointee. If the other Members of this Honorable Council would like to*

416 *question the appointee, please go ahead.*

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418 **HON. SEBASTIAN RIC A, NAGAS/ PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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420 *Are there any questions from the City Councilors? No questions?*

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

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424 *There being no questions Mr. Chairman, if I may also Mr. Chairman, the following documents*

425 *have been submitted also. Appointment Letter of the City Mayor, certification from Ms. Hairee Cel*

426 *Pedimonte, confirming that all requirements and supporting documents pursuant to Civil Service*

427 *Memorandum Circular No. 24. Series 2017, as amended have been complied with, reviewed, and*

428 *found in order, There is also a certification from the City Mayor stating that the appointee has been*

429 *screened and found qualified by the majority of the HRMPSB, the Personnel Collection Board during*

430 *the deliberation held last December 10, 2024. There is also a Certification of Assumption of Duty,*

431 *the Oath of Office of the appointee, a Certification from the City Mayor confirming compliance with*

432 *all pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic Act 7160 and Personal Data Sheet of the*

433 *appointee.*

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435 There being no more queries, the **RULES WERE REINSTATED**. Thereafter, a motion was

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RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 2025

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE APPOINTMENT OF ENGR. JOSE ALFONSO A. CASURRA AS CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD I (CITY ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER) OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO.

WHEREAS, Section 454-d, Chapter 2, Book III of the Local Government Code provides that Department Heads shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive with the concurrence of the majority of all the Sangguniang Panlungsod members, subject to Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations;

451 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a letter from the City Mayor
 452 requesting concurrence with the appointment of Engr. Jose Alfonso A. Casurra as City Government
 453 Department Head I (City Environment & Natural Resources Officer) of the City of Surigao;

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 455 **WHEREAS**, Engr. Jose Alfonso A. Casurra was appointed by the City Mayor on a
 456 Permanent status last January 6, 2025;

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 458 **WHEREAS**, the City Mayor certified that all pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic
 459 Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, have been complied with in
 460 the issuance of the appointment of Engr. Jose Alfonso A. Casurra, with Item No. 390, as City
 461 Government Department Head I (City Environment and Natural Resources Officer) of the City
 462 Environment and Natural Resources Office;

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 465 **WHEREAS**, the records of the foregoing appointee commensurate with the qualification
 466 standard provided by the Local Government Code for the aforesaid position, and thereby, the
 467 members of the august body found merit in the request for concurrence;

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 469 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., and duly seconded
 470 by Hon. Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

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 472 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution concurring the appointment of Engr. Jose Alfonso A.
 473 Casurra as City Government Department Head I (City Environment & Natural Resources Officer) of
 474 the City of Surigao.

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

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 483 **RULES WERE SUSPENDED** to allow the newly concurred department head to give a few
 484 words.

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 486 **ENGR JOSE ALFONSO A. CASURRA / CITY ENR OFFICER:**

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 488 *Maayong hapon sa tanan, ako boot magpasalamat sa concurrence nga gihatag sa City*
 489 *Council, isip kanhi empleyado pud sa DENR sa Region 7. Ako confident pud na makahatag serbisyo,*
 490 *especialy dire sa Surigao ug boot ako nga ako ihatag ang mga sakto nga polisiya ug mga programa*
 491 *para sa atong kinaiyahan. Again daghang salamat for the concurrence of the City Council for the*
 492 *appointment as Department Head, thank you.*

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 494 The acting presiding officer returned the floor to the Honorable Vice Mayor.

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

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 498 *We are now on the concurrence of the appointment of Engineer Genevieve B. Pontevedra,*
 499 *City Engineer. The proponent is hereby recognized.*

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

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 503 *Again Mr. Chairman the following documents were attached and submitted. The*
 504 *Appointment Letter from the City Mayor dated January 6, 2025. A certification from Ms. Hairee Cel*
 505 *Pedimonte, confirming that all requirements and supporting documents pursuant to Civil Service*
 506 *Commission Memorandum Circular No. 24. Series of 2017, as amended, have been complied with,*
 507 *reviewed, and found in order, a certification from the City Mayor stating that the appointee has been*

508 screened and found qualified by the majority of the Personnel Selection Board during the deliberation
 509 held last December 10, 2024. There is also a Certification of Assumption of Duty, a Certification of
 510 Availability of Funds, the Oath of Office of the appointee, a Certification from the City Mayor
 511 confirming compliance with all the pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic Act 7160 and the
 512 Personal Data Sheet of the appointee.

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514 So if any member of this committee with desires to question the appointee, please proceed.

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

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518 Ah yes, can you make some preliminary statements Engr. Pontevedra of yourself and for
 519 the information of the members of this council.

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521 **ENGR. GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA/ CITY ENGINEER:**

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523 Good afternoon Mr. Chair and my respect to our Councilors who are present here today and
 524 everybody, good afternoon. So I'm Genevieve Balili Pontevedra. I was raised and born in Tandag,
 525 Surigao Del Sur. Transfer residency here in Surigao City, in the year 2012, and so I was employed
 526 most of my career was with the Department of Public Works and Highways. I transfer to LGU last
 527 2022, and for my services as a Government Employee I rendered 11 years as permanent and 7.5
 528 years as a job order, for technical positions.

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530 The resource person also added that she is a Civil Engineer and is married with 2 kids. There
 531 being no more queries, the **RULES WERE REINSTATED** and a motion was presented and
 532 approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 08 - 2025

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537 **A RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE APPOINTMENT OF ENGR. GENEVIEVE B.**
 538 **PONTEVEDRA AS CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD I (CITY ENGINEER) OF THE**
 539 **CITY OF SURIGAO.**

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542 **WHEREAS**, Section 454-d, Chapter 2, Book III of the Local Government Code provides that
 543 Department Heads shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive with the concurrence of the
 544 majority of all the Sangguniang Panlungsod members, subject to Civil Service Law, Rules and
 545 Regulations;

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547 **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of a letter from the City Mayor
 548 requesting concurrence with the appointment of Engr. Genevieve B. Pontevedra as City Government
 549 Department Head I (City Engineer) of the City of Surigao;

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551 **WHEREAS**, Engr. Genevieve B. Pontevedra was appointed by the City Mayor on a
 552 Permanent status last December 27, 2024;

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554 **WHEREAS**, the City Mayor certified that all pertinent provisions of Section 325 of Republic
 555 Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, have been complied with in
 556 the issuance of the appointment of Engr. Genevieve B. Pontevedra, with Item No. 475, as City
 557 Government Department Head I (City Engineer) of the City Engineering Office;

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559 **WHEREAS**, the records of the foregoing appointee commensurate with the qualification
 560 standard provided by the Local Government Code for the aforesaid position, and thereby, the
 561 members of the august body found merit in the request for concurrence;

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563 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., and duly seconded
 564 by Hon. Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED: To pass a resolution concurring the appointment of **Engr. Genevieve B. Pontevedra** as City Government Department Head I (City Engineer) of the City of Surigao.

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

RULES WERE SUSPENDED to allow the newly concurred department head to give a few words.

ENGR. GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA/CITY ENGINEER/CITY ENGINEERING OFFICE:

Yes, Sir. I would like to thank everybody for concurrence for this position. Rest assured that I will be an asset of the City Government of Surigao, Sir. Thank you so much.

The next appointment to be concurred was Ms. Lagrama. She was requested to come forward to answer queries from the members of the council.

MS. ARCIAZEL LAGRAMA/ LTPC CENTERHEAD:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, honorable Councilors and to all the guests present. My name is Arciazal L. Lagrama. I am a graduate of Accountancy at St. Paul University, 2006, and finished my master's degree in 2012, same in St. Paul University, Surigao. My recent employer was the Department of Labor and Employment. I was the Labor Employment Officer III, so I was the focal person for the Public Employment Service for the Surigao del Norte Province. And then I joined the LGU last year, April 23, as the designate City PESO, and currently also been acting for the LTPC Center Head.

As the Public Employment Skills and Development Office is newly institutionalized, so the challenge is really quite well. But for the first year and four months from the institutionalization, we believe that we are in the right track, manifesting our accomplishments from 2023 currently to 2024. And for our upcoming projects, like the JobStart, and we are also looking forward into strengthening our job placement by putting up somebody or a focal person in our system to facilitate placement from local and overseas, and also to enhance our LTPC, enhance our qualifications offered, enhance our income, and of course, enhance our, capacitate our employees for those objectives that we have.

And we are also looking forward to increase our job placement. That is our, that is the very main mandate of our city mayor, to strengthen our job placement in Surigao City and strengthen our linkages to our employers, to all our stakeholders in Surigao City and other agencies to be part of the employment and livelihood for sustainable income of Surigaonons.

There being no more queries, the **RULES WERE REINSTATED** and a motion was presented and approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 2025

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. ARCIAZEL L. LAGRAMA AS CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD I (CITY PESO MANAGER) OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO.

678 *With respect to the equity contribution. Atty. Galido is hereby requested to come. We'll*
 679 **SUSPEND THE RULES.** *And then be ready with Engineer Pontevedra and Ara, the City Assessor's*
 680 *Office.*

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682 *The first of the commitment, Engr aw rather, Atty. Galido, how much is the funding*
 683 *requirement here as equity of the Local Government Unit?*

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

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687 *The required funding from the National Government is 10% of the projects, total amount of*
 688 *projects granted to the city. In this case, we are required to have at least 36,600,000 since the total*
 689 *amount is 360,000,000 for the PRDP project. This is 36,900,000.*

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

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693 *This has already been allocated. You indicated last Thursday that it is embodied in the 2024.*
 694 *This is a continuing appropriation?*

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696 **ATTY. JEFFREY GALIDO/CITY BUDGET OFFICER/CITY BUDGET OFFICE:**

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698 *Yes, Your Honor. It's under the 20% Development Fund. We have allocated 40,000,000 as*
 699 *equity of the city. So, we are still more than enough for the required 10% equity, Your Honor.*

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

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703 *So, you are saying that the No. 1 Resolution that is required has been duly complied with?*

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705 **ATTY. JEFFREY GALIDO/CITY BUDGET OFFICER/CITY BUDGET OFFICE:**

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707 *Yes, Your Honor.*

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

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711 *Now we go to No. 3 before No. 2. This is regarding the process of transferring and/or*
 712 *annotating the transferred or donated properties that will be traversed or utilized for the construction*
 713 *of the national road that has to be annotated in the land titles. Are we ready with this already, Ma'am*
 714 *Ara?*

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716 **MS. ARACELLI DELA ROSA/CITY ASSESSOR/CITY ASSESSORS OFFICE:**

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718 *Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to the rest of the City Council. Your Honor, we already had*
 719 *annotated the lot area that was to be utilized as road in our tax declaration. However, the Deed of*
 720 *Donation signed by the property owner was still with the City Planning or the CPDO or the TWG who*
 721 *worked for the acquisition through the donation of these properties, Your Honor.*

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

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725 *So, how is it? Because there is that commitment to process. We are ready to process this*
 726 *for purposes of annotating the transferred or donated properties to the titles or the tax declarations,*
 727 *or it's still in the process?*

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729 **MS. ARACELLI DELA ROSA/CITY ASSESSOR/CITY ASSESSORS OFFICE:**

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731 *It's still in the process, Your Honor.*

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

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735 So, you have the commitment because I think, I don't think that the project will commence
736 without us having to annotate all this. So, we will leave at that this is the commitment of your office
737 to process the necessary annotation of the transferred or donated properties in the land titles and/or
738 tax declaration.

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740 Now we go to number two. To enter into contracts with winning bidders for civil works,
741 consultancy, procurement, and to be done to put implementation. Are we ready to have this already
742 for? When, what is your timeframe here? Or what is your timetable?

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

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746 Your Honor, the authorization, the SP Resolution for this authorization is dependent also on
747 the procurement proceedings, Your Honor. Since as of now, the BAC has yet to initiate any
748 procurement agreement, because...

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

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752 No, no then you mean you can only have this, the so-called procurement or you're having to
753 process it with the BAC when the amount is downloaded already?

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

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757 Yes, Your Honor.

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

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761 So, what is the timeframe for that amount to be downloaded?

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

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765 As soon as the Resolution will be furnished to the national government, they will, they are
766 already noticed... They already have assured to issued (NOL ba?) NOL, Notice of No Objection
767 Letter. That would be the basis also for the further procedure.

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769 A **RECESS** was declared. Thereafter, the session **RESUMED**. The **RULES WERE**
770 **REINSTATED**. The proponent then presented a motion which was approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2025

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776 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DUMLAO II**
777 **TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE WINNING BIDDER(S) FOR CIVIL WORKS,**
778 **CONSULTANCY, PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER NECESSARY**
779 **AGREEMENTS; TO AFFIRM AND COMMIT LOGISTICAL AND FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE**
780 **LGU AND THE SUBPROJECT, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE EQUITY CONTRIBUTION,**
781 **AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPLETED OR INSTALLED**
782 **STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES; AND TO COMMIT TO PROCESS THE**
783 **TRANSFER AND/OR ANNOTATION OF LAND TITLES FOR TRANSFERRED OR DONATED**
784 **PROPERTIES TO BE UTILIZED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL ROAD**
785 **JUNCTION (NRJ) TRINIDAD - MABINI FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD, INCLUDING BRIDGES.**

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787 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has been implementing the Philippine Rural
788 Development Project (PRDP) since 2014 to the present, which program is currently initiating
789 innovative approaches and processes in engaging rural communities, LGUs, and national
790 government agencies in planning, designing and implementing rural development projects;

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792 **WHEREAS**, the PRDP is jointly funded by the national government, local government units
793 (LGUs), farmers and fisherfolk beneficiaries, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and
794 Development (IBRD) herein referred to as World Bank/Bank;

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796 **WHEREAS**, the DA has designed PRDP as one of the platforms for achieving the Philippine
797 Government's Sustainable Development Goals, over the years, the PRDP has proven its efficacy in
798 providing a means to strengthen the capacity of the Local Government Units and proponent groups
799 in improving its agri-fishery industry;

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801 **WHEREAS**, the PRDP has triggered improvements in income and food security levels of
802 households through better-targeted and sustainable agriculture and fisheries-related rural
803 development and marine biodiversity conservation projects as well as enhanced LGU institutional,
804 technical, management and financial capabilities and systems;

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806 **WHEREAS**, given the prevailing need of the agriculture sector to address the gaps in the
807 value chain as well as improve and modernize the agri-fishery industry, and in accordance to the
808 Philippine Development Plan, National Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization
809 Plan (NAMIP) 2021-2030, the DA has expanded the PRDP with the institution of the new PRDP
810 Scale-up ("PRDP Scale Up");

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812 **WHEREAS**, given the successes and accomplishments of PRDP from its Original Loan and
813 subsequent Additional Financing, the Government of the Philippines (GOP) shall receive a loan from
814 the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank"), specifically under Loan
815 Agreement for IBRD Loan No. 9577-PH dated 7 July 2023, in an amount equivalent to Six Hundred
816 Million US Dollars (US\$600,000,000) for the purpose of part-financing of the new PRDP Scale Up to
817 further support the Government's effort to improve farmers' and fisherfolk's access to market as well
818 as increase income from selected agri-fishery value chains, in continuation of PRDP's mission and
819 goals;

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821 **WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale Up I-BUILD/Infrastructure Development Component, through
822 Infrastructure Development Grants/Loans to the Proponent Local Government Unit, will focus on
823 delivering climate-resilient access and value chain infrastructure support with the end goal of building
824 up food distribution hubs and logistics systems to provide unhampered mobility, access and stable
825 supply of food commodities and other agri-fishery products with reduced transport, handling, and
826 hauling costs thereby improving product quality and prices in target markets;

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828 **WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale Up I-REAP/Enterprise Development Component, through
829 Enterprise Development Grants/Loans to the Proponent Local Government Unit or farmers and
830 fishers cooperatives and associations (FCAs) or FCAs Clusters, aims to increase productivity, value
831 addition and improve access to the market of enterprise clusters through efficient cluster-based
832 agricultural and fishery productivity enhancement interventions;

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834 **WHEREAS**, the Proponent Local Government Unit shall partner with FCAs/FCAs Clusters
835 through which the above-mentioned I-REAP/Enterprise Development Component Sub-Projects
836 maybe implemented;

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838 **WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 extends genuine and meaningful local
839 autonomy to the LGUs to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities
840 and to make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals;

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842 **WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 devolves to the LGUs the then-essentially
843 DA function of providing agricultural support services, agricultural extension and on-site research
844 services and facilities to agricultural areas and stakeholders;

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846 **WHEREAS**, the Proponent Local Government Unit has manifested its interest to participate
847 in the Project, and forwarded to the DA documentary requirements for its proposed Sub-project/s;

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849 **WHEREAS**, initial evaluation indicates that the Proponent Local Government Unit has
850 priority programs involving agri-fishery development in consonance with the NAFMIP;

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852 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the strategic design of the different components of the PRDP Scale
853 Up, pertinent preliminary interventions need to be undertaken to enable Proponent Local
854 Government Unit's participation in PRDP Scale Up as direct implementer of SubProjects within their
855 respective jurisdiction;

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857 **WHEREAS**, a Resolution was issued by Sangguniang Panlungsod granting authority to the
858 LCE authority to sign, enter, and execute a MOA with the DA represented by Senior Undersecretary
859 Domingo F. Panganiban, who was delegated the authority to sign, enter into, and execute MOAs on
860 behalf of DA;

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862 **WHEREAS**, in the interim period after the LCE has signed the MOA, Secretary Francisco
863 Tiu Laurel, Jr., was appointed, by effect, rescinding the delegation of authority granted to Senior
864 Undersecretary Domingo F. Panganiban;

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866 **WHEREAS**, this body affirms, ratifies, and confirms the previous resolution dated August 3,
867 2023, granting authority to the LCE to enter into a MOA with the DA regardless of who is the
868 representative of the department;

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870 **WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2024, the PRDP Scale-Up Regional Project Advisory Board of
871 Region XIII approved the subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini
872 Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges with subproject ID No. PRDP-SU-IB-RO13-SDN-005-SUR-
873 001-2023-FMB for implementation;

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875 **WHEREAS**, PRDP PSO issued its No Objection Letter to the implementation of subproject
876 Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including
877 Bridges with subproject ID No. PRDP-SU-IB-RO13-SDN-005-SUR-001-2023-FMB;

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879 **WHEREAS**, a conditional requirement for the implementation of the aforementioned
880 subproject is for the Proponent Local Government Unit to sign, enter into, and duly execute an IMA
881 with the DA;

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883 **WHEREAS**, the SP authorizes the LCE authority to sign, enter, and execute an IMA for the
884 implementation of PRDP Scale Up: PRDP-SU-IB-R013-SDN-005-SUR-001-2023-FMB:
885 Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including
886 Bridges with the DA represented by its authorized or delegated representative;

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888 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, and duly seconded by
889 Honorable Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr., it was unanimously

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891 **RESOLVED:** To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor, Pablo Yves L.
892 Dumlao II, to enter into contracts and affirm the following commitments required by the PRDP:

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894 a. To commit logistical and funding support to the LGU and the subproject, particularly with
895 respect to the equity contribution and operations and maintenance of completed or
896 installed structures, systems and facilities;

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898 b. To enter contracts with the winning bidder/s for civil works, consultancy, procurement of
899 goods/equipment and other agreements required to be done to put this Agreement into
900 full effect; and

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902 c. To commit to process the transfer of and/or annotation to land title/s of the transferred
903 or donated properties to be utilized in in the Construction of National Road Junction
904 (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges.

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906 **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable City
907 Mayor and the Department of Agriculture Caraga, City Legal Office and City Agriculture Office, for
908 their information and appropriate action.

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912 Honorable Casurra was recognized.

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

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916 *We have one endorsement from the City Mayor denominated as URGENT. Since we are*
917 *in the Calendar of Business, this is the request of the City Mayor to pass a Resolution authorizing*
918 *the City Mayor for granting a monthly honorarium of PCPT Robert Paredes Acting Traffic Operation*
919 *Officer in the amount of (₱ 7,000.00) Seven Thousand Pesos to be funded under the City Mayor's*
920 *Office Traffic Management Professional Services. As Vice Chair of the Committee on Appropriation,*
921 *as this is denominated as URGENT and with the attachments, they attached the documents that*
922 *they attached here is the Office Order No. 449-2024.*

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

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926 *We will allow that to be included in the Urgent Matter, although supposedly you should have*
927 *asked for that at the Inclusion. Anyway, considering that this is URGENT, that is why you all of you*
928 *have to be prepared yourselves to insert in the Inclusion and not to keep us, you know, surprised.*

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

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932 *Noted, Mr. Chair.*

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

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936 *But anyway, I will allow at that being an Urgent Matter. Next time, that's why I said to the*
937 *staff, if there is any Urgent Matter, try to make sure that the matter is to be calendared as for*
938 *discussion. I will allow that, Councilor Casurra.*

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

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942 *Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, with this Mr. Chair.*

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

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946 *What is your pleasure with that Resolution?*

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

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950 *Mr. Chair, with the documents attached, with the issuance of Office Order No.449-2024*
951 *dated December 18, 2024 designating PCPT Robert M. Paredes as Officer in Charge of the City*
952 *Traffic Management Office and signed by the City Mayor and also with the certification from the City*
953 *Budget Office confirming the availability of funds under the City Mayor's Office Traffic Management*
954 *Professional Services Budget. Mr. Chair, I move for the passage of this Resolution authorizing the*
955 *City Mayor to grant a monthly honorarium to PCPT Robert M. Paredes with the amount of*
956 *(₱7,000.00) Seven Thousand Pesos from the date of its assumption and up to the budget that is*
957 *available for a stipulated, Mr. Chair.*

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959 The motion was favorably seconded and approved, to wit:

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A RESOLUTION GRANTING PCPT ROBERT PAREDES, ACTING TRAFFIC OPERATIONS OFFICER A MONTHLY HONORARIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (P7,000.00) TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is in receipt of an endorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as Urgent, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to grant a monthly honorarium to PCPT Robert Paredes, Acting Traffic Operations Officer, in the amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) to be funded under the City Mayor's Office-Traffic Management Other Professional Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Article 99 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code of 1991, "When the finances of the city government allow, provide for additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public elementary and high school teachers, and other national government officials stationed in or assigned to the city";

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

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution granting PCPT Robert Paredes, Acting Traffic Operations Officer a monthly honorarium in the amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) to be funded under the City Mayor's Office - Traffic Management Other Professional Services.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, PCPT Robert Paredes, City Budget Office, and all concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

OTHER MATTERS

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Oh no, we have other matters. By the way, I would like to invite members of this Council to the flag-raising on Monday because that will be our turn. And I really would like to congratulate the following City Councilors who have at least achieved. Where is the listing here? The first who have almost attained a 100% attendance for the whole year of 2024 is no less than the Honorable Joy Yuipco. We will have to hand you a Certificate of Commendation. And the second of... (where is my list?) Is Councilor Karl Duane Casurra? And because of that, we will be extending to them the Certificate of Commendation. Do you have the copy there? If you give me that, there's another one. And also, congratulations to Sebastian Ric Nagas also, the third in having almost a perfect attendance for our Regular and Special session. The three of them are the performing insofar as attendance is concerned. Congratulations to each and every one and we look forward to see you on Monday when we will have our flag-raising ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 2nd Regular Session was adjourned at 3:33 o'clock in the afternoon of January 9, 2025.

(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. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

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

Gracious God as we conclude this session.

We give thanks to the collaboration and dedication of everyone present. Thank You for guiding our discussions and for the progress made today. We ask for Your continued blessing upon our cities, each leader, and each residents.

May the decision made here today bear fruit that uplift our community, strengthens our bonds, and ensures the brighter future for all. As we leave this place, grant us safe journey and a new resolve to serve with integrity, compassion, and purpose.

In your name we pray, Amen.

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

APPROVED, this 16th day of January 2025.

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.

EDNA B. SIEGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS
City Councilor

CACEL R. AZARCON
City Councilor

JOEL E. TINIO
City Councilor

JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI
City Councilor

BALTAZAR C. ABIAN
City Councilor

NOEL CHRISTIAN G. CATRE, JR
City Councilor

JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA
City Councilor

JOSEPH JOEY S. YUIPCO
City Councilor

KARL DUANE A. CASURRA
City Councilor

FLORENILLO B. RAVELO
Liga ng mga Barangay President

JENELYN EDULZURA
SK Federation President

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ATTESTED BY:

ALFONSO S. CASURRA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer